

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

N. A. B. K. Association.

THE following is the program of the North American Bee-Keepers' Association, to be held in Agricultural Hall, Albany, N. Y., Dec. 8 to 11.

December 8—Informal Meeting.

First day—Wednesday, Dec. 9.—9 a.m.—President's address.—P. H. Elwood, Starkville, N. Y.

Appointment of Committees, and routine business. Question-box.

2 p.m.—The prevention of swarming.—W. F. Clarke, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Discussion. Question-box.

7:30 p.m.—The outlook for Apiculture at the Columbian Exposition.—A. B. Mason, Auburn-dale, O. Discussion.

Second day—Thursday, Dec. 10.—9 a.m.—Election of Officers. Selection of next place of meeting. Business of the Association. Volunteer contributions. Discussion. "Prices of honey and sugar."

2 p.m.—Can we settle upon two sizes of sections as standard?—C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill. Discussion. Question-box.

7:30 p.m.—The bees, the location, and the Apiarist.—G. M. Doolittle, Borodino, N. Y. Discussion.

Third day—Friday, Dec. 11.—9 a.m.—The Italian Bees. What are the principal points of excellence, and to which qualities should we give the preference?—G. H. Knickerbocker, Pine Plains, N. Y. Discussion. Question-box.

2 p.m.—Some facts not generally known about rendering beeswax.—R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, Canada.—Adjournment.

REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS.

One and one-third regular fair for round trip. The concession is for delegates and others going to Albany to attend the North American Bee-keepers' Convention, Dec. 8—11, 1891, from the following described trunk-line territory:

By the Central Traffic Association from all points in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, as far east as Pittsburg; New York, as far east as Salamanca; and Ontario, Canada, as far north as Toronto. Trunk Line Association of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and the Southern Passenger Association, which includes all the principal roads of the Southern States.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING.

1. The concession is for delegates and others going to Albany from any of the above described trunk-line territory.

2. If the starting point is located on some

small road, or one not in either one of the three trunk-line associations making the concession-tickets should be purchased only to the most convenient place where a trunk-line certificate can be obtained, and thence by direct routes only, through to place of meeting.

3. The going ticket must be purchased within three days before, or not more than three days after, the opening date of the meeting, otherwise, no reduction in fare will be made on the return passage.

4. Each person availing himself of the concession will pay full tariff fare going to the meeting, and get a certificate filled in on one side by the agent of whom the ticket is purchased. (The agents keep the certificates in stock.)

5. Present the certificate to the secretary at the meeting, that the other side may be filled in. Certificates are not transferable.

6. On presentation of the certificate, duly filled in on both sides, within three days (Sunday excepted) after the adjournment of the meeting the ticket agent at Albany will return the person to his starting-point at one-third regular fare. The return ticket will be issued over the route used in going to meeting, and will be available for continuous passage only.

VERY IMPORTANT.

7. It is absolutely necessary for each passenger, before starting, to obtain a certificate from the ticket agent at the point at which the going ticket is purchased, otherwise said passenger will be unable to obtain special rate for return journey, and will be obliged to pay full tariff rates in both directions.

8. Delegates, and others availing themselves of the concession, should present themselves at the office for certificates and tickets at least thirty minutes before the departure of trains.

9. Every person attending the meeting should get a certificate, no matter how short the distance, as, the more certificates are signed at the meeting, the easier it will be to secure reduced rates another year.

Cyprus; Bees and Bee-Keeping.

ONLY eleven years are past since Jones and Benton left America in search of the Eastern bees, and imported hundreds of the yellow beauties into Europe and America; and now I should say it is next to impossible to have one single pure Cyprian. Isn't this a curious fact? Many parties have been writing to me to have Cyprian queens; but up to last fall Mr. Benton had the choice; and as I am no queen-breeder I almost always directed to him. Although Cyprus can be reached from Jaffa in 24 hours I never thought it would pay to go