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The Australian Bee Bulletin under date Aug. 28, '98, states "Colonies in a normal state will be starting to breed," and goes on to give advice for spring management. Their season begins when ours ends. In the same editorial it says "Look well for spiders and moths." This is just about the season that we refer to look after moths and the best way

to do so is to keep the combs well covered with bees. At the Ottawa Exhibition we had an unusual number of bee-keepers complain that the moths destroyed their bees. We do not think this is quite correct. True, the black bees are more likely to be attacked by moths, but a case has yet to come to our attention where good strong colonies have their combs destroyed by moths. A case of that kind generally runs through the following stages: The bees have more comb than they can cover, the moths attack the uncovered comb and gradually encroaches on the space occupied by the bees. We like lots of spiders about the combs when the combs are off the hive.

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A portion of the report of the Brantford Convention is published in this issue.

Although extremely cold the attendance was fairly good, and we venture to assert that when our readers see the proceedings published in The Canadian Bee Journal they will agree that an exceedingly profitable time was spent. The proceedings were as follows: A chairman was elected, a lot of questions were drawn up and these were discussed one after the other. The members spoke in consecutive order and not otherwise unless to ask a question. When all had spoken or declined to speak a few minutes were allowed for general discussions. The first question began with the first gentleman in the circle, the next