

tive and more dependent on atmospheric conditions than any bloom in this latitude. We usually get two or three days, however, and once I remember of ten days it secreted honey during its bloom. I find it does better along rivers and lake shores than on the upland. After this we have the interval in the honey flow until buckwheat, fireweed, golden rod, asters, and bone-set come into bloom, with which aside from buckwheat, this country naturally abounds. They usually afford us some surplus, but the greater part goes to the brood nest for winter stores, in fact, I have never had to resort to sugar for winter stores and hope I never shall. There are many more annuals and shrubs that go to make up the honey flora of northern Michigan, and we have some disadvantages our southern brethren do not have, but taking all in all, I think the north half of the state is much better adapted to the pursuit of bee-keeping and that the honey is of better quality than in the southern half.

Geo. E. Hilton.

Mr. Hilton's paper having been discussed, the convention adjourned, to meet the following morning, 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

The first item on the programme for this day, was the election of officers, which resulted as follows.—Pres., Geo. E. Hilton, Freemont, Mich.; 1st Vice Pres., R. L. Taylor, Lapeer, Mich.; 2nd Vice Pres., O. J. Hetherington, East Saginaw, Mich.; 3rd Vice Pres., Jno Rey, East Saginaw, Mich.; Sec., H. D. Cutting, Clinton, Mich.; Treas., M. H. Hunt, Bell Branch, Mich.

The next place of meeting will be East Saginaw, no date set for the meeting. It was understood that the Secretary of the Michigan State Horticultural Society desired to arrange for a joint meeting of his Society and the Bee-keepers' Association. A committee was therefore appointed, consisting of Messrs. Cook, Cutting and Hutchinson, to confer with the officers of the Horticultural Society, as to date of meeting, etc. The question of

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next came up for discussion, and Mr. R. L. Taylor was called upon to furnish the Convention with his method of disposing of his production. Mr. Taylor stated that he usually sent his crop to a commission merchant for disposal.

Geo. E. Hilton.—Sold his honey in the home market. He took particular pains to furnish a No. 1 article and put it up to suit the market.

Jno. Rey.—Found that a wise distribution of the small pamphlets "Honey, some reasons why it should be eaten," was a judicious investment and brought good returns.

A. I. Root.—Advocated keeping a stock of honey on hand the year around, and it paid to have it in all styles of packages to suit the several consumers.

Dr. A. B. Mason.—Produced a copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and read from it a letter by the Pres. of the O. B. K. A. wherein the Pres. insisted that American basswood honey was of a much poorer quality than the Canadian linden honey. He claimed the Ohio basswood honey was equal to any in the world and we Canadians should not throw bad odour on American honey at the expense of our neighbors.

F. H. Macpherson.—Explained that the Pres. had no intention of casting any slur upon his American friends.

After some further discussion it was moved by Dr. Mason, and seconded by A. I. Root that the Michigan State Bee-keepers' Association tender a hearty vote of thanks to the O. B. K. A. and their Commissioners to Colonial Exhibition, London, England, for the good work they have done in popularizing honey.

On behalf of the O. B. K. A. the vote of thanks was accepted for Canada by F. H. Macpherson.

FEEDING

Then came a essay on feeding by Dr. Mason, which paper however we have not at hand. The Dr. preferred feeding on the bottom board and by tilting the front of the hive upward and pouring in the syrup or honey at the entrance, all of which must be done after dark. On the ground of speed the Dr. considered this method preferable to any other he had ever tried.

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A physician says: When a teaspoonful of warm honey is taken every fifteen, twenty or thirty minutes it has a surprising effect on catarrh. Every family should have a glass of pure honey in the house, in order, at once after catching cold, to be able to use some.