

Mr. Jeffrey crowded his bees on about 8 frames in front of hive ; took all the lightest frames out.

Mr. Caldwell leaves his just as they are. Mr. Beam leaves his as they are all summer, with all the frames in.

#### THE BEST METHOD OF WINTERING.

Mr. Armstrong winters his on summer stand ; makes a clamp facing south, with 6 inches of sawdust underneath hive, 14 inches of packing in rear, about the same on top, and about 10 inches in front ; he lays sticks on top frames, and covers with quilt.

Mr. Cullen winters in cellar ; takes the cover off, lays a chaff cushion on frames.

Mr. Mehlenbacher winters in clamp ; puts sticks over frames, and quilt. About 12 inches packing in front, 16 inches behind, and about 6 inches below the hive.

Mr. Kindree winters in tenement hive on summer stands ; packs chaff all round and has good success.

Mr. Jeffrey winters in double wall hive on summer stands, well packed with chaff.

Mr. Beam winters outdoors on east side of fence, where they are generally covered with snow ; left surplus boxes on without packing.

Mr. Williamson winters in cellar, takes off cover, and leaves on quilt.

#### BEST WAY TO INTRODUCE VIRGIN QUEENS.

Mr. Armstrong cages for about 48 hours, takes a frame with adhering bees out, and releases queen on frame.

Mr. Kindree prefers introducing cell instead of virgin queen.

Mr. Mehlenbacher smokes the colony well, lets them run in at the entrance, and finds they are generally accepted.

The question was asked, "Are the Italians better than blacks?" Mr. Armstrong likes the Italians they are more gentle, they are stronger and more persistent workers, work on red clover, and are in all points much superior to blacks.

Mr. Kindree says he has no trouble with moths since he kept Italians.

Mr. Jeffrey asked how are we to get worker comb in strong colonies without foundation ? Mr. Armstrong said by crowding a colony on few frames more working comb would be built.

The question was raised as to the sale

of honey, 10 cents to be the ruling price.

Mr. Cullen stated that the Listowel association had shipped a lot to the old country, and he thought it advisable that our Secretary should ascertain how the venture turned out.

Moved by Mr. Kindree, seconded by Mr. Cullen, that this meeting do now adjourn, subject to a call of the President and Secretary.

JAMES WILLIAMSON.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

#### MOUNT FOREST BEE-KEEPERS.

HEREWITH I send a report of the Mount Forest Bee-Keepers' Convention held here on September 23rd at 2.30 p. m. in the Council Chamber.

Meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes read and adopted. Treasurer's report received and adopted, after which the following reports were given, each member being taken in turn.

Rev. D. P. Niven, President, commenced season with 10 colonies eight of which gave increase, giving 23 swarms. Took 140 lbs. extracted, and 100 lbs. comb honey, the latter in Langstroth and the former in Jones hive. Believes in natural stores for winter, also as little handling of stocks as possible.

Robert Main—2-5—will have to feed for winter.

Thos Ainley, stocks weak in Spring, bought several colonies. Took 400 lbs. extracted honey. Does not like extracting from brood chamber.

Mr Gowanlock—1-3—artificial swarms. Took 75 lbs. extracted honey. Fed 50 lbs. sugar for winter. Will have to feed more.

Geo. Duncan found bees like everything else. When he thinks he has got them right, why then he gets mistaken. Thinks there is room to learn yet, (theory). Keep the colonies strong.

Wm. Fraser—2-8. Kept bees three years. Never took any honey before this year. Extracted this season 240 lbs. Fed 180 lbs. sugar for winter.

P. B. Hassett—12-17—took 650 lbs. extracted honey. Fed sugar for winter stores.

J. H. Dickson commenced season with one weak colony. Bought two colonies from D. A. Jones. Increased