

store more honey away than they require for winter when using supers or top story hives on them for extracting. Now you extract what you wish from this letter and arrange to suit yourselves.

GEORGE LAING.

Milton, Nov., 1886.

O. B. K. A. CONVENTION.

ADJOURNED TILL JANUARY 5TH AND 6TH, 1887.

AFTER due consideration it has been decided by the President that it will be best to hold the annual convention on Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th, instead of December 7th and 8th, as arranged at the September meeting. In advising us of this, the Secretary says:

"As far as I can see this appears to be the best date, as people will be settled down after the elections and holidays, and the delegates will have plenty of time after their return home to get their report in shape to bring before the public.

"I wrote D. McNicoll, G.P.A., C.P.R., about reduced fares, which he has promised to give if there are twenty-five members attend the meeting that have paid their full fare. The reduced rate will be fare and one-third. I will try and get the same terms from the G.T.R. and N. & N. W. R'y's, and I think there will be no difficulty in doing so.

"Members of the Association desiring to attend should apply to me as soon as possible for a certificate to enable them to benefit by the reduced fares.

"The hours of meeting of the Association will be: first day at one and seven o'clock p.m.; and the second day at nine o'clock a.m., and one p.m. This will give members, unless from very distant points, a chance to get in on the first day and home on the second day, so that but the two days need be taken up, and no further time lost in connection with the convention.

W. COUSE, Sec'y-Treas.,

Meadowvale, Ont.

There can be no question but that all the delegates will have returned by that time, and the whole business can be completed and a concise and detailed report of the English experiment submitted. Besides this there are other important matters which must come before this meeting. The remodelling of the whole Association under the rules laid down in the

"Agriculture and Arts Act" will be an important item on the program; the question of "legislation on Foul Brood" must be disposed of in some way. Another thing which late occurrences have made necessary, will be the discussion of the advisability of taking active steps towards the establishment of a "Bee-Keepers' Union," or of making the protection of bee-keeping interests a branch of the Association. It is to be hoped that the meeting may be held, and some decisive steps taken to put the case of Mr. Harrison in its proper light before the judges, in time to prevent a decision adverse to the best interests of bee-keepers. Let there be a rousing meeting of the whole bee-keeping fraternity, and general good will be the result.

ARE BEES A NUISANCE?

THE suit now pending will not necessarily settle this point, at least not morally, even though it may legally. But "no stone should be left unturned" to put this matter in its proper light, before the judges give their decision in the premises. That they will decide from the evidence adduced is certain, and with bee-keepers will lie the fault if that evidence is not what it should be in the interests of the fraternity. Remember that it is not alone Mr. Harrison who will suffer should the decision be given against him, but a precedent will be established which will be the means of much future trouble. There are breakers ahead!! See to it that the fault "does not lie at your door," by present inactivity. Let every bee-keeper speak at once—not words of sympathy for Mr. H., but let that sympathy take the form of \$ and c., if necessary, to produce evidence that will effectually put to flight any that may be produced against the pursuit. Take the case of Mr. John McKimmie, of Lisle. He writes that he has kept bees three years on a lot next the school-ground where the hives are within six feet of the fence, and he has yet to learn of one instance of a scholar being stung, though the boys are constantly playing ball in the grounds, and are sometimes, half-a-dozen at a time over among the hives, hunting for the ball. In our own experience, we have never known a case where bees have proved the nuisance.