

pulse. The season of rearing the queen made no difference.

Allen Pringle, Selby, believed in heredity, but it did not establish itself for several generations.

Mr. Hall agreed with that; the non swarming strain was established through many generations.

Does the queen or worker bees determine the swarming impulse?

Mr. Hall—Instinct from the mother transmitted to the worker bees but a Caucasian queen and her progeny will be more liable to swarm than an Italian queen, and her progeny hence the queen is primarily responsible.

S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.—Mr. Hall is largely right, the propensity is inherited from the queen but the worker bees make the racket.

What is the best hive?

The hive I use.

How much does it cost to produce a pound of honey?

No one present could give a definite answer.

M. B. Holmes, Athens, thought 4 to 4½ cents per lb.

Doctor Duncan, Embro.—Sometimes it costs next to nothing, at other times twice as much as you get for it.

R. F. Holtermann, Brantford—It was peculiar that there was no definite information about the subject. The impression had been too much that no time and experience were required to keep bees and there were instances when for a year or two individuals appeared to succeed in producing honey at little expense. Bee-keepers were however, awaking to the dignity of their calling. The difficulty in connection with estimating the cost of a pound of honey was great. Localities and seasons varied. What was required was to produce the best article for the least money.

S. M. Smith, Listowel, Ont.—It depends to a great extent on the experience of the individual. Those who applied themselves came out fairly well, those not experienced did not succeed in producing as cheaply.

The minutes of the last meeting were the read and passed.

Some mistakes were pointed out in the annual report, and the matter settled by having the corrections embodied in the next annual report.

The president's address followed.

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Brantford is the next place of meeting, and members of the Ontario Bee-keepers Association receive one year's subscription to the Canadian Bee Journal.

THE TWO QUEEN SYSTEM.

(From Geo. Wells, Aylesford, Nr. Maidstone,
 Kent, England.)

December, 1894.

The Editor of the Canadian Bee Journal:

Sir,—Although I have often had the opportunity to see your journal, I have never had the pleasure of seeing therein anything about the Two Queen System of Bee-keeping. This fact seems rather strange to me, more especially when I consider the amount of correspondence I have received from Canada upon the subject, but I firmly believe you would be doing your readers a lot of good if you were to persuade them to give the system a trial and by way of opening the subject I venture to send you my report for the year 1894, as it appeared in The British Bee Journal, trusting it may liven up the mind of some of your bee-keepers in Canada.

The report of my bee-doings for the year 1894, is, as usual, late, partly owing this time to want of time, and, for the rest, through delay in collecting particulars from the different apiaries in my own immediate neighborhood, as I consider that my report