

The following were appointed: Doctor Miller, C. P. Dadant and Mr. Whitcomb, Nebraska.

AFTERNOON.

The next place of meeting and election of officers was next taken in hand, resulting as follows:

Toronto, Canada, the next place of meeting.

Pres., R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, Ont.; Vice-Pres., L. D. Stilson, York, Nebraska; Secy., W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich.; Treas., John T. Calvert, Medina, Ohio.

QUESTION DRAWER.

Is paper a good winter packing?

A. I. Root. — Yes.

C. P. Dadant. — Yes, providing you remove it in time.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Kingston and Ottawa Exhibition.

At Kingston the exhibit of honey, bees and bee-keepers' supplies was not large. The Goad, Shapley & Muir Co. (Ltd.) had about 250 pounds of comb honey and the same quantity of extracted in glass, also a pretty full hive of bee-keepers' supplies. Mr. H. Baiden, Portsmouth, had a few jars of extracted honey and two twelve-section crates of comb honey, the quality of which was very good. Mr. Baiden also showed an Italian Queen with a frame of bees and brood. There was one other small lot of extracted honey. The exhibitor's name we did not manage to get. Unfortunately the honey exhibit was under a wing of the main building with the dairy products, and being so situated, the number of visitors was comparatively small. The officials connected with the fair were kind and courteous and as far as treatment is concerned deserve well of those who exhibited. The prize list is, however, very small and gives but little encouragement.

REV. T. J. SPRATT.

For many years I have heard of the Rev. T. J. Spratt on Wolfe Island. As a bee-keeper in one way and another he has been heard of. When roaming the streets of Kingston I saw some good comb honey in one of the leading stores and as is my habit, I entered and priced it. The dealer in explaining the merits of the article mentioned that it came from "Father Spratt on the Island." I then and there resolved to visit the apiary and taking the boat at 6.30 a. m. on a beautiful morning, I landed at the Island about 7 o'clock. The reception I got was one of the kindest and we were soon talking bees. I took notes,

but I am ashamed to confess that in some way during my wanderings for the next few weeks, it was mislaid, but there remains a very distinct recollection of some of the important points. Father Spratt has about 100 colonies in the Richardson hive. He has kept bees for twenty years, and for many years he has been very successful in wintering. During spring and winter an outer case is used for protection, with a good cushion on top. A wood honey board is used with a hole and stop to act as a ventilator. During winter a tube is used, open at one side and the tin so shaped that when lying on the honey board, the board forms one side and the tin the other three, giving a complete tube about one inch by three-eighths inches for the escape of air and moisture. The tube lies flat upon the honey board, covering the hole in the honey board. When the tube reaches the side of the hive it is turned up at right angles and follows the side of the super. The cushion resting on the tube keeps it in place. It would not be a difficult matter to believe that such a system of ventilation might have very decided advantages. In the apiary comb honey only is produced, and a very fine lot there was in the honey house, all of which has been sold since, and I know where more first-class honey is wanted. Full sheets of foundation are used in the sections and frames. This spring stimulative feeding was resorted to during the long continued wet and cool weather. Black bees are the favorites, and I must confess the apiary was the blackest I ever saw, only one colony showing traces of Italian. With the exception of the apiary of Father Spratt there are but few bees kept upon the Island.

(To be continued.)

Convention Notices.

LAMBTON BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lambton Beekeepers' Association will be held in the village of Wyoming on Saturday, Nov 24th, 1894. Leading bee-keepers of the county are expected to be present, also R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, Ont. A profitable meeting is expected.

J. R. KITCHIN.

Weidmann, Ont.

Secretary

ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association will be held at Stratford on Tuesday, 15th day of January, 1895. Further particulars later.

WM. COUSE, Secretary.