

The Central Farmers Institute upon motion of J. B. Muir seconded by T. Raynor, passed the following resolution. "That whereas, Canada, and especially Ontario, in its recent triumphs at the World's Fair, Chicago, and in the past elsewhere, has shown itself able to compete with any country in the world in the production of first-class honey; therefore, it is resolved that the Dominion and Provincial Governments be requested to do all in their power to develop the bee-keeping industry of Canada."

With an increase in the production of honey, we require an increase in the demand for honey at home and abroad. That this can be secured we have no doubt. The subject is worthy of the attention of any government. Whatever is to be done, should be well and thoroughly done.

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The Canadian Horticulturalist for January is full of valuable hints for fruit growers. The Japan Horticulture plums are described, and the frontispiece is a beautiful colored plate of the Burbank plum. It also contains much information on floriculture.

This journal as the leading magazine on fruit growing and is deservedly very popular. Sample copies will be sent free on application to the editor, Mr. L. Wolverton, Grimsby, Ont., who has the largest fruit farm in the province of Ontario.

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The articles which have appeared upon wintering must do a good deal of good.

The information brought to Wintering light upon this subject in Mr. Pettit's articles, if put into practice cannot result in anything but a vast amount of good to the country. Just before going to press, Feb. 20th., we would say those hives in our cellar wintered upon Mr. Pettit's plan appear to be in excellent condition, very few dead bees, the entrances dry and bees all quiet. We have about a dozen hives not raised in the rear from the bottom boards. Although they show no signs of dysentery they are more restless,

have more dead bees and the entrance is less free from moisture. We have only our own interest to serve to the extent that it is our best interest to guide our readers in the direction of better methods of bee-keeping and we know of no more important subject than the wintering problem.

THE BEE-KEEPERS' PARLIAMENT.

REORGANIZED—IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Last month we announced the opening of "The Bee-keepers' Parliament." A number appear to object to the competitive system. That system has therefore been withdrawn, and there will be no awards, but as we feel we can afford it, we intend privately rewarding from time to time, those who are painstaking contributors to this department. For some time to come, a subject will be given several months in advance. The contributions to this department must be received by the 15th. of the month previous to the number in which the subject is to be dealt with. This will allow but little time for contributions to be received for the April number; yet there is sufficient time. The subjects will be sufficiently broad, and limited to a certain number of words, to allow ample scope for ample thought and study, to concentrate the best ideas of the writer. We trust every one will take part to make this movement one of interest.

FOR APRIL NUMBER OF JOURNAL

Best method of building up twenty-five or more stocks, for the honey flow. Begin with earliest outdoor flowers. (Not more than two hundred words.)

FOR MAY NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

To what extent is the prevention of swarming desirable? What method shall be adopted.

FOR JUNE NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Artificial ripening of honey as opposed to ripening of honey by the bees in the hive. What benefits are to be derived from either system? Which is preferable?

Convention Notice.

The next regular meeting of the Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association will be held at the Revere House, Simcoe, on Saturday March 3rd, at 2 p. m.