

Holy Land and Italians are the best gatherers. They are superior in many ways, they will breed up fast. I have had them six years now and have been very successful in wintering; they go into winter quarters strong, will gather more honey than blacks, but Cyprians are stingers. The blacks will get discouraged easier than the half-breeds. I would rather have the cross between the Holy Lands and Italians than any other, they defend their hives better; I would rather have them than pure Italians, for they won't go up into the surplus boxes without coaxing and trouble. Mr. Coleman asks—Why do swarms leave the hive after being two days in it? Secretary said—They don't like the hive, it has a bad odor, or it is too small, or has not air enough, but if they are bound to go, watch your queen. catch and cage her and put the cage on the comb deep, so the bees will not gnaw her out, let her stay two or three days and there will be no more trouble. Mr. Aches said—Give plenty of air, set in the shade and they will stay. Question—Is artificial or neutral swarming the best? Secretary answers—Artificial, if you know how. Mr. Aches told how some try to make too many swarms out of one. My plan is wait until the hive is full of bees and honey; plenty of honey coming in. and the swarm about ready for swarming, Take two racks and the old queen and set in an empty hive. Take the old hive and put on a new stand to get the drift of old bees, and put the new hive on old stand. Fill other frames with foundation and place in the new hive. In one week after this the old swarm will be as strong as a new one, plenty of young bees hatched out.

Questions—In Jones' hive will workers store honey in the lower before passing through the division board to work on store comb? President said—If honey comes in fast they will store in upper storey, but if slow, will store in brood cell. Mr. Aches said—They will go up and store honey when they have plenty of comb and have filled all below. D. Smith said—In 1884 he filled the bottom storey with foundation, had no division board in hive, they went up and filled 30 boxes of honey before they worked below. Questions—I notice the following heading in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, published by Jones & Mac-

pherson, of Beeton, and for the past year only eight or ten persons have answered all the questions:

"QUESTIONS AND REPLIES."

"Under this head will appear each week queries and replies; the former may be propounded by any subscriber, and will be replied to by prominent beekeepers throughout Canada and the United States who can answer from experience, as well as by the Editor. This Department will be reserved for the more important questions, others will be answered in another place."

I would like to know how many beekeepers are there in Canada? Answer left over.

It was moved by J. Aches, seconded by Isaac Pickering, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Town Council of Parkhill, for the free use of the Town Hall for this meeting—Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. Guy, seconded by Mr. Wm. A. Atkinson, of Lucan, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Sec. Treas., Mr. A. W. Humphries, for the able manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of that office.—Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the following gents be a Board of Directors for 1886:—D. Stewart, Nairn; J. Aches, Poplar Hill; D. McNorton, Ailsa Craig; and H. Phippen, Parkhill.—Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet in Ailsa Craig about 24th of May next.

D. P. Campbell had some bee supplies on exhibition in the hall which were well examined.

A. W. HUMPHRIES, Sec.

PRICE LISTS RECEIVED.

James W. Tefft, Collamer, N.Y.—8 pages—neatly printed—"Queen City" beehive with reversible frames.

Oliver Foster, Mt. Vernon, Liun Co., Iowa—8 pages—neatly printed—Queens and bees by the pound.

T. L. Von Dorn, Omaha, Neb.—6 pages—well printed—supplies in general.

Charlesworth, Wright & Co., Owen Sound—poultry yards—all kinds of breeds.

James R. Howell, Brantford, Ont.—A neatly printed 4 page circular, advertising vines and small fruits generally.

J. T. Wilson, Nicholasville, Jess Co., Ky.—Italian Queens, smokers, etc.