

Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association.

The Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association met at Simcoe Dec. 2nd. 1893.

The election of officers resulted as follows,

Pres.—W. W. Simmons.

Vice Pres.—John Calvert.

Secy, Treas.—Robt. Emrick.

Directors—Messrs. J. T. Ryder. S. Kindrick, John Langohr. Robt. Brooks, and R. M. Taylor.

Delegates to the Ontario, two able bee-keepers in the persons of Messrs. J Calvert and W. W. Simmons.

After the transaction of necessary business the discussion fell upon the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and a unanimous expression was made, congratulating the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL upon the improvement it had made and that it should be supported by Canadian bee-keepers.

The question was asked, "How shall we prevent after swarms?"

The method given was : hive on the new stand and either at once shake some more bees from the old hive or do so several days after the colony has swarmed. The objections to cutting out queen cells were.

Unless the bees are shaken from the combs one may escape a cell and then all the work is for naught.

Next in shaking and handling combs, the cell left may be injured giving a queenless colony.

Next, by thus removing cells, natural selection is done away with which might not be desirable.

The extra work was also a great objection.

The shade and ventilation of hives was also taken up. Some favored ventilation by means of the top of the hive, others did not. All liked shade by means of boards.

John Calvert advocated thorough ripening of honey, all honey should be well capped. Others considered two thirds capped sufficient.

The question of adulteration of honey then came up and after a brief discussion, the following resolution was moved by Thos. Moore, seconded by John Calvert and passed without one dissenting voice.

That the Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association endorse the action of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association in seeking legislation to prevent the production of the so called "sugar honey" and further more, that we endorse the action of the Oxford Bee-keepers' Association in passing a resolution condemning the writings of "Lindenbank" as they are doing great injury to the industry of bee-keeping, and that the proprietors of journals should not allow

the publication of anything from the pen of the said W. F. Clarke upon the subjects of bees and honey.

The secretary, Mr. C. W. Culver would have been with one voice re-elected but declined. He did not expect to have the time to attend.

Notes From Walkerton.

(Written for the Canadian Bee Journal.)

I am sending you a few lines about the doings amongst our bee-men up here.

We are liking the JOURNAL much better than at first, we are relishing it more, and it is getting still better and there are lots of bee men up here to give you a helping hand.

I do not propose being a real bee-keeper. I told you last winter at our grand convention that I had only made a big start in bee-keeping and this took so well that they made me a life member of the association. I did not know what to make of it, in fact it made the blue streaks run over me. I wondered if you were all poking fun at me, however let that be as it may, they were a bright lot of gentlemen at the convention and I should like to see their faces again. I will not be able to be at Lindsay, I am a grist miller and that is my harvest time, but I will think of you dear brethern while you are talking of one of the very best enterprises in Ontario. I hope there will be a big convention, get the ladies out and the men will be sure to be there.

Well I will now give you a little about our doings in the county of Bruce. You will all know by this time how our county is away up in butter and cheese at the World's Fair, and I think our dear little bees will come out on top as well. Our honey harvest was not good this year, the very dry season was against it, but the honey was good in quality and bee-men turned out to our fair full of life.

I took a stroll out among the bee men recently. My first call was at Brother Sherrington's whose bee yard is a Paradise below. It stands in one corner of his orchard and what makes me think his little bees are happy is that he keeps such a fine lot of beautiful flowers of all kinds near them and they can hardly have any notion of leaving when they swarm.

Brother Sherrington gave me such a big feed of comb honey I felt quite poorly until I got to Bro. F. X. Earnest's welcome place. How pleased I was when he came out to open the gate saying, "it is a very hot day, we will put in the horse and the first thing will be to go to the house and