

It was summed up that it was safer to feed 30 lbs. best granulated sugar with one gallon of water, adding about one teaspoonful of cream of tartar to keep the syrup from granulating.

THE POLLEN QUESTION.

Is it advisable to remove all combs or frames containing pollen?

Mr. Mason would remove those combs containing much pollen.

Secretary Wellcome thought the pollen theory was not applicable to his locality. Had never had to remove combs on that account.

President Dunham had never removed combs for that purpose, but thought it hard to exclude pollen entirely.

Mr. Moore thought that bees have to crawl into their cells to "keep their toes warm." If occupied by pollen they could not be utilized for that purpose even if the pollen was not injurious as a food.

Mr. Crawford thought they occupied those cells as a means to crawl away and die.

The conclusion arrived at was that an over-production of pollen may be injurious and should be removed as far as was practicable to do so.

ALSIKE CLOVER.

The association urged the importance of sowing Alsike clover for a hay crop as it is a very fine honey producing plant; also, it was of equal importance to set basswood or linden for shade, as the linden is known to be one of the best honey plants. They could be bought while small for 2 to 4 cents each and bloom while young.

After attending to a few business matters and passing the customary resolutions of courtesy, including a vote of thanks to the host and his family for their generous hospitality in entertaining the association, adjournment was made to meet again at the call of the Secretary on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of May, 1886.

HALDIMAND BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION will be held at Jarvis, on Friday, the 25th of September, at 11 o'clock, a. m. E. C. Campbell, Sec'y.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

BINDERS FOR C. B. J.

H. M. DeLONG, GRAVENHUBST, ONT.—I would like to know through the JOURNAL how subscribers would feel towards having a cover or binder to secure the year's numbers.

By the way, we have forgotten to mention that we are now having a lot of binders made specially for the C.B.J.—and have had to send all the way to Chicago for them. They will be of the right size to hold the year's numbers—52—and on the back of each will be the title of the paper—CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL—in gold letters. The cost will probably be about 60c. each—perhaps a trifle less, but it depends on freight and duty.

DOES DAMP AFFECT WINTERING?

J. ROADHOUSE, FARNHAM, QUE.—I have a few hives which I want to winter successfully, and have been counting on putting them in my cellar but am in doubt about them coming out next Spring all right, because of the damp state it is in all the year round, except a month or two in mid-summer. The ground is springy. I have a drain to the ditch in the street, but in the Spring the water backs up to the depth of two feet in the cellar. I consequently have to raise everything from the floor; otherwise the cellar is good. Last Fall I found such a disagreeable and unhealthy odor after closing up for the Winter, and fearing disease in my family, I got a five inch pipe put through the floor and attached to the stove pipe above, which, I think, saved my family some sickness if nothing more. I have contemplated putting my bees on an elevated rack under the ventilator. Would it be a safe plan?

If you wish to winter them in the cellar and suspend them over the water we think they will winter all right there. They should not be suspended from the joists or floor above, as the jarring in the house would be likely to irritate the bees. The water coming into the cellar will do no damage so long as the bees are kept above it: of course you must keep the cellar dark. You might pack a few on their summer stands according to the latest systems and see which of the lots will be the strongest and in the best condition in the spring, and report.