

while it lasted, although clover was in full bloom. I feel sure considerable surplus was stored from berries this year.

Mr. G. M. Doolittle in *Progressive Beekeeper*, says that this is the secret of successful honey production in a nutshell: "First, secure the laborers just at the right time for the honey harvest, then keep an eye on things, giving only just enough room in which to store all the honey coming from the harvest, and you are boss of the situation." There you have it. It's no longer a secret. Now profit by it. Right. But, some of us fail through no fault of our own to secure the laborers at just the right time. Fate is against us.

What next? Mrs. Grimmell in *A. B. J.*, 420, advises taking out an accident policy before commencing to work with bees, she having received a cheque from the company in which she carried such a policy, as indemnity for only one bee-sting.

Notes and Pickings for July are badly mixed. Mr. Editor will you wade into that *Printers' Devil* for a few minutes with a club, and waken up his ideas. The Editor too seems to have been watching for swarms.

White clover as usual in this locality has amounted to very little for the bees. Alsike yielded well but is about dried up at this date, July 12th. Very little is to be expected from Basswood. A few trees only are very full of buds but the majority have none at all. But like Mr. Pettit, I have great faith in Canada Thistle.

Mr. Ed. I may have something to say in my next about the much abused carnivorous, over half of my stock is of that blood. This year's experience thus far is that they are no worse for swarming than my other stock.

### The Buffalo Convention Notice.

STA. B, TOLEDO, Ohio, July 4, 1897.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please say in the next issue of the *Canadian Bee Journal* that the next annual convention of the United States Bee-Keepers' Union will be held in the Main Hall of Canton's Business College, corner Main and Huron Streets, Buffalo N.Y., commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. of Aug. 24 next and closing on the afternoon of the 26th.

Papers are to be read by W. Z. Hutchinson, P. Hotermann, E. Whitcomb, Hon. R. L. Taylor, Mrs. L. Harrison, R. C. Aikin, G. M. Doolittle, Dr. J. P. H. Brown, Hon. Eugene Secor, Geo. W. Brodeck, M. B. Holmes, A. E. Manum, E. Kretschmer, and P. H. Elwood; to which will be added the President's Address and perhaps

the General Manager and the Secretary may have something of interest to present.

The programs are now printed and in the hands of the Secretary. There are six beekeepers' songs, with music, in the program, and abundance of time is allotted to the discussion of all papers, and for the asking and answering of questions.

Any one not a member of the Union can have a program sent them by mail on receipt of 5 cents in postage stamps by the Secretary.

Several of our well known beekeepers, such as A. I. Root, Dr. Miller, S. T. Pettit, and others who are not on the program, will be present to help make the convention interesting and instructive.

It is probable that suggestions will be made at this convention in the line of so amending the constitution of the Union as to remove its objectionable features and add such other provisions as may seem desirable, and suggestions in this line by those not able to be at the convention can be sent to the Secretary, to be brought before it. Some suggestions have already been received by the Secretary, and others have been made in the bee papers.

Those going to the convention should buy round-trip tickets to the Grand Army of the Republic encampment (not to the United States Bee-Keepers' convention), which meets at Buffalo during the last week of August. The G. A. R. have secured a rate of one cent a mile each way in the territory of the central passenger Committee, which is included by Toronto, Canada, thence on a line to Port Huron, Mich., all of the southern peninsula of Michigan; Chicago, Peoria and Quincy, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., Louisville, Ky., and Pittsburg, Pa. The Western Passenger Association and the Trunk Line Association make a rate of one fare for the round trip in their territory to places in the Central Passenger Association, from which points the fare will be one cent a mile each way, but tickets must be purchased to Buffalo from the starting point. Enquire of your ticket or station agent in all territory outside of the above-named for rates and the time the tickets are good for, for I have been unable to learn the rates in such Territory, but presume it will be the same as that of the Western Passenger and the Trunk Line Association; but be sure to inquire of your ticket agent as above suggested.

In the Central Passenger and Trunk Line Territory tickets will be good going on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, and if visited at Buffalo will be good, returning for 30 days.

Mr. O. L. Hershisser, of Buffalo, has charge of arrangements at Buffalo, and will attend