

We are advised by an attorney in Sherburne, N. Y., that Thos. Horn is "played out," in other words, he hasn't anything for anybody to take so there is little use incurring additional loss over the matter. Perhaps, he may come around all right yet. Let us at any rate hope for the best. If it is any consolation to those who were losers, let us say that the publishers of the C. B. J. are losers to a greater amount than any others individually so far as we have heard of.

OUR COMBINATION OFFER CONTINUED—WITH A BIGGER CHANCE THAN EVER.

Our offer of the *Bee-Keepers' Magazine* and *CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL* for \$1 expired with the old year. We have decided, however, to continue this combination till February 1st. Last month our offer extended only to new subscribers. For the coming month we will make the combination offer to ALL subscribers, who send in a sufficient amount to cover their arrears of subscriptions and pay ahead to the end of volume III or April 1st 1888,—15 months from January 1st, or \$1.25 to new subscribers. This is the "biggest" combination offer yet made, and everybody should take advantage of it.

Mr. J. A. Abbott, the elder of the firm of Abbott Bros., Southall, Eng. (son of C. N. Abbott, the originator and for many years, editor of the *British Bee Journal*) has been with us at Beeton for some days. He has severed his connections with the firm and contemplates opening up a business for himself in London, (Eng). His present trip has been mainly for the purpose of seeing American and Canadian supply-dealers, and gathering such new ideas as he can put to use in his new business. He is a young man, but is thoroughly up in his business, and his visit here has been mutually profitable with him. He has brought samples of several inventions, some of which are unique and novel as well as useful. Mr. Abbott will be present at the meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers going on while this issue of the *JOURNAL* is reaching you.

A VISIT TO JOHN MCARTHUR

On our way home from Ypsilanti Convention, we called on Mr John McArthur, of Toronto, who has been a large bee-keeper for some years past, and now devotes his time almost exclusively to that pursuit. He has a nice situation on the side of the Don valley, when the improvements Mr. McA. intends putting on the property are finished, it will indeed be a picturesque spot. The hives used in this apiary are all the Jones single walled, the system of wintering pursued, we may

describe as follows:—Each colony is packed in sawdust in the fall, the frames turned lengthwise in the hive and the division boards used for inner walls; over the top, nothing but the ordinary cotton quilt is used. In the spring, the entire apiary consists of colonies on three to five frames and his arrangements for protection are so complete there is soon sufficient bees to make the strongest kind of a colony and no danger of spring dwindling. Mr. McA. does not extract from the brood chamber, all the extracting is done from the second storey, which is simply an ordinary Jones hive minus the bottom board. To give you an idea of the strength of the colonies when ready for the honey flow, we may say, the brood chamber is filled to overflowing with bees. If we remember rightly, Mr. McA. gave us his yield as being something over 150 lb per colony and from one colony we think he said he had taken 240 pounds. All the honey is thoroughly ripened before being extracted, so that the ideas of this bee-keeper coincide with those of Mr. Bingham, as expressed at the Ypsilanti convention. If you want to get a taste of real nice honey call on Mr. McA. first time you visit Toronto, it is so thick that it can be cut out with a knife and it has never been granulated or re-liquified. By the way, will honey thoroughly ripened in the hive, granulate as soon as honey which has been artificially ripened? Mr. McA. will be next season our agent at Toronto for sample supplies, so that customers in that vicinity may be able to procure anything they may require in the way of hives, sections and foundation at Beeton prices. Mr. McA. stock will be kept as replete as possible.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

YORK STATE BEE-KEEPERS CONVENTION.

We, the bee-keepers of York State, will be pleased to meet you at our State Convention at Albany on the 11, 12 and 13th, of January next. We expect to have the largest and best convention ever held by bee-keepers in United States and hope our Canadian brethren will be on hand in goodly numbers. W. E. CLARK, President.

The bee-keepers of the western part of Ontario will hold a Convention at Tilbury Centre, January 12th and 13th, 1887. Everybody and their friends are invited. Arrangements for reduced fares at the Grand Central Hotel have been made, also for a free hall. SMITH & JACKSON, Tilbury Centre, Dec. 16th, 1886.

GREAT UNITED CONVENTION.—The New York State, Eastern New York also the New Jersey and Eastern Bee-Keepers Association will hold their great united Convention in Albany, N. Y., January 11th, 12th, and 13th. This Convention will be one of the largest, if not the largest, ever held anywhere in this country, and it behooves every bee-keeper to attend—a grand exhibit of apianian fixtures is promised—An unusually brilliant programme will be prepared and announc-