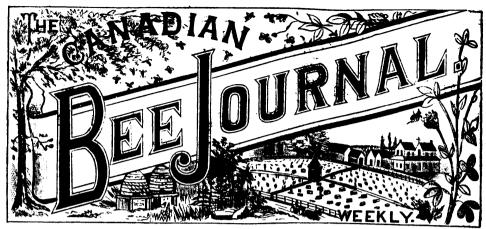
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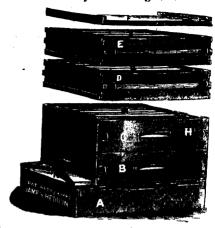
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THE HEDDON HIVE.

© ERHAPS some of our friends have been waiting paitently to see what we were going to have to say about the new "Heddon" hive, and it is surely time that we had "said our say." We have waited till we could get an engraving of the hive the better to illustrate it, and also till a sample hive which we had ordered should come from Dowagac-that the hive our friends in Canada should have might be the same in all particulars as the U.S. hive—and so there would be no guess-work on our part. It does take a long time to get anything out of customs somehow, they have so much redtape to get through before they get to the Well both engraving and goods you want. hive are here—the former we present below, and the latter is now in the hands of our workmen as a sample from which a stock is being made. This hive has already created quite an excitement in the bee-keeping world, and there do not seem many who have strong objections to urge against its general utility, though there are those who claim that some of the claims connected with the patent have been anticipated by former patents on other hives; we have not made this particular thing a matter of very careful study, nor do we think it necessary. If the patent were taken for the purpose of procuring for the hive, or right of manufacture, an extortionate price, such a point then might be worthy careful consideration, but we do not for an instant ascribe such motives to the patentee. That the hive is possessed of good features, be they or not the combination of old ones makes no difference is evidenced by the demand for them which has already arisen, coming as it does from many of the best bee-keepers in the country. After giving the whole hive a most thorough examination we are satisfied that it embraces new features which will prove of great value to the bee keeping fraternity.

The engraving gives a good idea of the hive. The brood-chamber is in two sections; also the surplus arrangement, which may be interchanged or inverted at will. The cover, bottom-board, and top and bottom of each sectional case has one half of a regular bee-space, so that the surplus cases with the sections may be placed between the two brood-chmbers, or the latter may be trans-

posed or inverted—in fact all parts of this hive are perfectly interchangable.



THE INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

UR English friends are bound to show us Canadians that they are alive to the importance of the bee-keeper's pursuit. As will be seen by the following extract they are also desirous of entertaining the Canadian representatives of the O. B. K. Association in some suitable manner. Another object in view is to make an exhibit of their own to show that "if favored with genial weather, the capabilities of England for honey producing are quite equal to all the demands which may be made upon them":—

"It was proposed, if possible, that the Exhibition should be held in the grounds of the Royal Horticultural Society while the Indian and Colonial Exhibition was in progress. The meeting showed great anxiety to prove to Canadian and other exhibitors that British bee-keepers were alive to the present importance of apiculture; and they felt that this proof would be afforded by having a thoroughly good exhibition representing the present position and capabilities of English bee-keepers.. They also hoped to be able to have the opportunity of adopting some means of showing their cordiality towards foreign bee-keepers by inviting them to some social gathering,-a 'conversazione, or in some other mode that might be afterwards determnied upon."-British Bee Journal.

COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

To remove any apprehensions about cost of transportation of honey to Kensington Exhibition next year, I herewith send copy of a letter just received. I had no doubts about the matter, but this is intended to set the whole

matter right with all concerned. The letter explains itself.

S. T. PETTIT.

Belmont, March 11 1886.

S. T. PETTIT, ESQ., PRES. O. B. K. A. BELMONT.

DEAR SIR,—Your understanding of the shipping instructions is quite correct..

As I understand the instructions, honey sent later on $(i.\ensuremath{\epsilon}$, the crop of 1886) will go just the same as that sent now, the Government paying all charges.

Yours very truly,
A. W. WRIGHT.

A. W. WRIGE Toronto. March 6th. 1886.

SCIENCE AND APICULTURE.

WISH to thank Mr. Cushman for his kind article and courteous discussion. The latest Physiology out-and I think the best-is Dalton's Human Physiology, 7th edition. 1882. On page 257 we find "It is evident that carbonic acid, which the tissues produce is not the immediate result of the absorbtion of oxygen. He sums up. From all these facts it appears that the transformation of tissue in the body is not a simple act of combustion, regulated by the supply of oxygen in the lungs. It is one in which the tissues appropriate the oxygen conveyed to them by the blood, to form intermediate compounds and in which they eleminate carbonic acid as the most abundant product of their retrograde metamorphosis."

Also page 203 "And a further study shows that the heat of the living body cannot be considered as due to direct oxidation."

Flint's Plysiology of Man, Vol. III, Heat is the result of nutrition as is produced in all the organs. Oxygen is used to nourish carbonic acid is like urine, effete matter the result of tearing down of tissues. Mr. Cushman's definition at close of second paragraph is a very good one indeed. Yet "that most of it is produced by the orbon combining with aygen, as brought about by vital forces"—the last part of this difinition is very important—I don't know about. Most heat is produced in the abdominal vicera, during digestion, yet I think oxidation is not very rapid then and there.

In answer to Dr. Miller I will ask Dr. Kedzie to answer these questions:

Through what substance did you blow to extinguish a candle at your recent address before the Michigan Teachers, and through what space in each case?

A. J. Cook.

Lansing, Mich., March 8th, 1886.

ANSWER FROM DR. KEDZIE.

The passage of air through substances commonly supposed to be air-tight is surprising when one looks at it carefully. I have often shown my classes and others that I can readily blow through a cylinder of oak wood 10 to 12 inches long and blow out a candle by my breath. I have blown through a sold cylinder of plaster four inches long and thus extinguished a flame. It is easy to blow through the thickness of ordinary plaster on walls if not covered by paper or kalsomine. I have blown through 16 thicknesses of heavy woolen cloth, through felting (as a felt hat,) through leather, and thus visibly swayed a candle flame. Rubber, glass and metals are about the only common things that I find to be air tight.

R. C. KEDZIE.

Lansing, Mich., March 8th, 1886.

We felt satisfied that Friend C. could answer Dr. Miller in a satisfactory manner, and here he furnishes the evidence of another professor of the same college.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

EXPERIENCE IN BEE-KEEPING.

N page 740, Mr. Pringle's experience is so near like my own that I am inclined to give you my experience in the same direction. Apiarists who have followed cellar wintering for several years can probably relate a varied experience. At least that has been my own, and have never yet wintered my bees in a manner satisfactory to myself or without much

My cellar is made solely for the purpose. It is 12 x 18 feet partly underground. Connected to it is a honey-house, and extracting and wax-room. The cellar seldom gets below 40° and that only in long continued cold. The highest number wintered in this cellar has been 175, and though I have heretofore given each colony an abundance of winter stores, their condition and actions through the winter have been so variable as to well high discourage one in further effort to find the cause.

In 1880 the bees were very quiet during the first half of the winter, but during the latter part they were very uneasy and kept getting moreso as spring approached. Again the restiveness has commenced soon after putting them in the caller and continued all winter, and bushels of dead bees were taken out in the spring. Though the mortality was great the spring was favorable, and the weak swarms soon became vigorous, and the season gave me the best results 1 ever obtained from any apiary, 16,000 lbs. In consumption of stores 1 have wintered bees from the 15th of

November until the 15th of April, with only an average shrinkage of 10 lbs., the lowest 4 lbs., the highest 18. This was from actual weight in fall and spring. Again I have had the shrinkage average 15 lbs. I have followed the same plan as Mr. P., putting the lighter colonies upon top, and had imbibed the idea that 18 or 20 lbs. of stores was enough to winter a colony when stored in a cellar, but two years ago, upon going into my cellar in the last of March, I found those little piles of dead bees in front of hives, which indicate starvation. Several swarms that had 20 lbs. in the fall were entirely destitute. some dead, others just giving up. This present winter the stores are partly sugar syrup, and the bees seem to be wintering very quietly and consuming but little honey. Another important factor in cellar wintering is ventilation. Heretofore I have given the cellar much ventilation. I have a 70 foot sub-earth ventilator, and a tall ventilator, one foot square, goes up through the roof. This winter every ventilator is closed, still the one hundred swarms are wintering better than when thoroughly ventilated.

From recent articles in some of our bee journals, the tendency of experience seems to be that bees require but little air, and if you pour a stream of fresh air at any temperature above 40° you cause the bees to become restive, and though there is no light the bees leave their hives in pursuit of it.

I think, with proper stores and proper ventila tion and proper temperature, bees will surely winter well in a cellar.* But my experience has been so varied in finding all of these that I am now wintering 100 swarms in the cellar and 100 packed in chaff. It is too early to say where they are doing the best. I can say they are all doing well so far. Hoping to hear from others upon these important snbjects, I submit my experience.

J. H. MARTIN. Hartford, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1886.

We fear your bees packed in chaff will not de as well as those in cellar, because the tendency is to only put six or eight inches of chaff around them. We find that we can scarcely get too much chaff. It takes about double the thickness of chaff to give the same warmth as saw-dust, and we find that 12 or 14 inches of saw-dust none too much for outdoor packing in very cold weather.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

HIVES TOO MEAR THE GROUND.

AM much opposed to the plan lately adopted by most of the bee-keepers of placing the hives so close to the ground. The bees are more exposed to dampness and far more exposed to attacks from vermin and small animals, such as skunks, toads, frogs, snakes, etc. Atoad will sit by the entrance of a hive on a warm night and lick in the bees by the hundred while the owner is asleep. Skunks will come pilfering round the hives, and if one should happen to get stung it will leave a scent there that will entirely destroy all bees near it.

It is unnatural for the bees to be so close to the ground, and nothing but compulsion will make them accept the situation. I believe it is one cause of swarming out or deserting their hives.

We do not hear or read of any instance in which the bees of a choice accept such a low situation except the instance of a swarm going into the carcass of the lion slain by Sampson (See Judges, Chap. 14:5). In this case Sampson was on his way to Timnath to pay his address to a lady of that place, and it is not improbable that he hung the carcass in a tree, so the desiccating wind of that country would dry the fresh meat in so short a time that putrification would not ensue.

I make my bee-stands for hives by taking a log large in diameter, when we are sawing for firewood and cutting it up into sections of about two feet long. I find them substantial and convenient. They are easily rolled from place to place if I want to move them, and they are easily levelled up by grading the earth a little. It is easy to try it (no patent), and if you at any time do not want to use them further for that purpose, they can be split up for wood, and there is no expeuse or labour lost in packing. By laying boards on top of the blocks and letting them project in front you have a convenient lighting board.

W. B. TERRY.

Keswick, Feb. 26th, 1886.

We have tried setting hives up from the ground, and down on the ordinary hive stands and although there is some loss in bees by toads etc., yet we think the gain is in favor of low stands, instead of the logs that you mention which would be very difficult to procure in a prairie country. We would suggest that you drive four small stakes in the ground a proper distance apart and brackets might be tacked on the stakes crosswise to hold them together. After dr. ying one the proper distance others may be driven and levelled from it.

In reference to the bees in the lion's carcuse, we think they would have got in if the carcass had not been lung up on a tree. Samson was not like the young men now-adays on such a mission, or he would never have waited to hang up the carcase. We learned when in Palestine that it was quite a common thing to find bees on little bushes, on rocks and on the ground as there

were no trees for them to go in they were forced to take any position. One day as we were coming up from Jericho to Jerusalem, we found in the crevice of a rock a colony of bees but they were so far back and so near the base that it was impossible to get at them. We were told they had been there for many years. Frequently shepherds find swarms while herding their flocks and they usually take them for the sake of the wax, as they seem to place more value on the wax than they do on the honey. In weather like we are having just now we would prefer the logs split up and put into the stove by degrees. It seems to us that the stakes would look better and would support the hive better. They could also be placed to suit any sized hive.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.
STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT.

HAVE just found out how hard Mr. Pettit is working to make a grand success of the Canadian honey exhibit at Kensington. The promoters of this display are not only "looking ahead" but working now. Please do not think (as some have) that I incline to the opinion that home markets, if properly developed, would be sufficient for future production. Not so; the "sign of the times" are that in a few years the Canadian home markets, if ever so well worked, will not take at paying prices the honey that will be produced in this country. And surely is not this "our golden opportunity?" Shall we win? Yes, it we all do our part. The right men are at the helm, and the immaculate Canadian white clover will do the rest. With a European market open to receive the product of our apiaries, we have nothing to fear. This display at the Colonial is of vital importance to all the specialist, with his hundred or hundreds of colonies and those who, like the writer, combine beekeeping with other business and keep a limited number. We need more light on this subject. There are others who can tell better than I just what is needed, so allow me to cut this right off here and say for the present I'm

DUNN.

Ridgeway, March 9th, 1886.

From Iowa Homestead.

WILL BEE-KEEPING PAY?

BOUT the first question that arises in the mind of a person about to embark in a new business enterprise is, Will it pay?

Answering the query at the head of this

paper, I will say yes!; conditioning that answer, however, upon the laws of success in any other business undertaking. No business will pay unless it is carried on in a business-like way. Beekeeping is no exception to the rule. Methods

must be employed and results worked for, if success is expected.

If a man expects bees to pay when he keeps them in hollow trees, set in some out-of-the-way place, and never looks after them except to put the new swarms into nail kegs, and brimstones them to get the honey, I don't mean him when I say bee-keeping will pay. If another uses his brain so little that it squeaks with rust when he attempts to think, I don't mean him when I say bee-keeping will pay. If another is too lazy to supply the bees with the proper appliances for storing honey in marketable form; if he expects them to board themselves, do all the work and put honey into his pocket while he sits in the shade or holds down dry goods boxes, I don't mean him when I say bee-keeping will pay. If a man don't know a drone from a worker, and don't know nor care to know the reason, in the Divine economy, for having drones, and don't know nor care to know how to prevent the increase of the part of the colony which, in excess of requirements are only consumers, I don't mean him when I say bee-keeping will pay. These men had better buy what honey they They can buy is cheaper than they can produce it. But, to every one, be it man or woman, who is adapted to it by habits of thought, study and observation, and who has energy enough to master the essential principles, is will richly repay for all thought and time required to be devoted to it.

Because some men follow dairying after a slipshod, happy-go-easy method, and fail to make money out of it, does not prove that dairying will not pay; and because a good many fail to realize all their fond anticipations of coveted sweets by the same methods in the apiary, it does not follow that success will not crown the efforts of the careful, prudent, intelligent beckeeper. It will pay to keep bees till every town in Iowa is supplied with enough honey to meet the demand. I venture the assertion that not half the towns in this State are supplied with it six months in the year.

If every bee-keeper will meet the wants of the consumers in his own and adjoining towns, it will surprise him what an amount can be sold. But for all honey producers to rush their surplus crop off to the large cities to glut the market, while hundreds of people within their own township don't know honey from glucose because they so seldom taste it, is a sure way to make beekeeping not pay. I have no doubt that tons of honey could be sold in every State where there are hundreds of pounds sold now, if the matter was worked up by the local bee-keepers.

In another place we give a list of some of the principal honey plants in Iowa, the names of which are familiar to every body. There are still others, not so well known, that are frequented by the bees, proving that they yield nectar or pollen in abundance.

THE HONEY RESOURCES OF IOWA.

If one takes the time to observe and the trouble to enumerate them, he will be astonished at the almost endless variety of honey yielding plants within the state. It would require a skilled botanist to name them all. The All-wise Father has provided nearly all plants and trees with either honey or pollen, to attract the insect world. He spreads a continual feast for the bee, that the important object, perfect fertilization, may be the more certainly attained. The bee that slips from flower to flower, rollicking in the golden dust among the new born anthers, playing hide and seek in the opening corollars is performing a work of untold value in the wise economy of nature. The honey secreted by the blossom is for the purpose of inviting cross fertilization, and to prevent in and in breeding. If no insect is there to utilize the drop of nectar, it is evaporated and scattered to the four winds of heaven. No one is richer for the ungathered sweets, and no one is the poorer whose fields are searched by the tireless little worker, whose instincts lead it to garner the evanescent riches, which of a truth, "take to themselves wings and fly away ." From the earliest Easter flower that peeps out of the snow on some hillside, to the last frost flower in autumn, there is a continual succession of honey bearing plants whose wealth of nectar ought to be utilized as one of the sure resources of this grand state. California may occasionally astonish us by her magnificent honey crop, but in Iowa, where " the early and latter rains" are not only promised, but sent, we are always confident of a reasonable surplus. The pastures and road sides are covered with white clover which yields the finest honey in the world. The rivers and lakes are generally skirted by basswood timber, one of the best honey producing trees in America, yielding largely a nectar that is prized for its beautiful amber color and aromatic flavor. Every fence corner and neglected field is planted by the hand of Nature, as though she were trying in some way to counteract man's shiftlessness, by making the earth bring forth abundantly some of the good things of life. Goldenrod, artichokes, thistles, spanish needles and even burdocks are made to contribute to the general good by furnishing delicious hydromel for the "busy bee."

EUGENE SECOR.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

THE HONEY MARKET.

WAS much pleased with friend Holterman's article on page 755. I think he is entirely in earnest. If we sell our extracted honey we have got to "get up and dust." Friend Holterman must be a regular old duster, if he sold about 2,000 lbs. at 10 cts. per lb. without losing 4 hours time. There is just one little thing, however, that puzzles me, in tact, always puzzles me, when I hear a man tell how easy it is for him to sell his honey, and that Jis, he never wants to buy any more honey to sell again.

W. Z. HUTCHINSON.

Rogersville, Genesee Co., Mich.

THE CONVENTION OF CANADIAN BEE-KEEPERS AT BRANTFORD.

HE meeting of Canadian bec-keepers held at Brantford on the 24th and 25th ult., was a decided success as far as interesting discussions and papers were concerned. A very large gathering was expected, but only some forty bee-keepers attended the n.eeting. A large number of Brant bee-keepers were absent, who intended being present, on account of the heavy rains during the second day.

The mixed diet of papers and discussions upon them appeared to have a very beneficial effect upon the meeting, giving more aim and concentration upon topics and therefore a more thorough discussion upon these topics as they came up.

Mr. F. Malcolm, of Innerkip, occupied the chair during the first session, after that the Rev. W. F. Clarke.

The wintering subject was taken up first by the reading of a paper by W. McEvoy intitled, "February Management." He spoke of the danger of disturbing colonies, starving, and advocated putting sections in wide frames, having some on each side of the cluster. This was a very interesting topic as many colonies are already found short of stores. The majority were in favor of some form of candy to be placed on top of the frames.

Mr. F. Malcolm read a paper next which took up wintering and bee-keeping generally. He is a very successful bee-keeper and is recognized as one of the best dairymen in Canada. He served on the agricultural commission some years ago. He winters in cellar, average temperature 48°. He never removes top cloths in fall but leaves them adhering. By middle of September his bees are ready for winter. In spring, he sets his bees out as late as their condition will permit, he again only touches those requiring it by external indications.

A very interesting discussion now took place

upon the principles of wintering in which Messrs. McKenzie, Malcolm, Myers, Bueglass Bros., Willows, Be kett, Mott, and others took part. Points touched upon, bees should not have both upward and lower ventilation.

In a repository the weakest colonies should be placed at the top, the strongest at the bottom, as the temperature at the ceiling is higher than at the floor.

If cellar is moist the temperature should be higher than if dry as the atmosphere can retain a greater percentage of moisture as the temperature is raised. Whilst colonies within, when temperature is high, may do without upward ventilation, those wintered outside should have some provision on top for absorbing moisture and retarding in consequence keeping in the hive of the heat.

Bees are handled too much; if strong they should be left alone as much as possible and not pampered in the way they generally are.

Bees should be taken out as soon as possible it very restless; otherwise leave them in repository (to avoid spring dwindling) as long as possible

Rev. W. F. Clarke then gave an interesting account of the late New York Bee-Keepers' Convention and his visit to L. C. Root.

"The honey market" and "The reversible hive," were the leading topics.

As to honey there was a general impression it would have to come down yet. It was generally admitted the local press had not been made use of sufficiently and the public educated about honey. This would create a demand. The reversable frame and Heddon hive had been looked upon with very strong doubts by a large majority of the practical bee-keepers much to Mr. Clarke's surprise. Mr. Root had his bees in fine condition; they were wintering well.

Next came a paper by Mr. Allen Pringle, of Seby. No doubt it will be published in the C. B. J., as it has been forwarded.

There was one point which those present found might be misleading, viz:

The handling was dwelt upon fully, and the caution about too much handling being dangerous comparatively little. Those present general y favored handling colonies, whose outward indication showed they were prosperous, very little in fact, not at all during cool weather. They agried with Mr. Pringle that it was an injury to built up weak at the expense of strong, unless the uneen was a valuable one. It was thought this was an important and valuable point and did not agree with popular opinion at present.

Mr. L. C. Root then gave a paper upon "Ventilation for the hives."

Many of us know Mr. Root as an extensive and successful bee-keeper. He has tried ventilation and stated in his paper found marked beneficial results from the use of a ventilator even as large as 10 x 12 inches. A solid slide cambe put in the place of a screen. It kept down swarming and also kept bees at work better. The paper was looked upon as of great value although only dwelling upon one point and almost all present decided to experiment with the ventilator.

Next came a paper by Mr. S. Corneil, of Lindsay. He gave it as his private opinion that comb honey would have to be shipped to the Colonial I doz. sections in a crate and six crates in a larger packing case, the latter being sufficiently large to permit of ample packing of straw amongst the within crates. He thought this would be the plan adopted by the commissioners. This was followed by a paper upon honey which I cannot do better than report as found in the Toronto Daily Mail, 2nd March.

Mr. R. F. Holterman, of Brantford, gave an essay upon honey. What is it? What shall we do with it? He gave the chemical constituents of honey; compared its value with fruits preserved and canned, showing that its nourishing properties were far ahead of the latter. A quart of honey costs less than the same bulk of fruit. Honey was not injured by contact with the atmosphere, neither moulding, fermenting, nor in any other way deteriorating as a food. He urged upon Canadian bee-keepers the importance of sending only the best of honey to England. The British butter dealers did not care to handle Canadian butter, because 5 per cent was good, a little fair, the balance bad. They had to prole to the bosom of every package. Danish butter they never need look at, every package was as represented. Let them (Canadian honey producers) act as do the Danish, and now from the commencement establish a reputation. must expect competition in Europe, and only by dealing in the way described they could expect to succeed. The grand display would put honey in the hands of people never having used it before."

The Brant Bee-Keepers' Association was inaugurated at the close of the meeting; the following officers were elected:—E. C. Edmonson, President; R. F. Holterman, Brantford, Secretary and Treasurer. Fourteen were at once enrolled; several have since been added.

The objects of the society were briefly spoken of. They were preventive of foul brood; the gathering of statistics in full for Brant County; giving per annum No. of bee-keepers; No. of colonies in spring; No. in fall; cost in winter-

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ng, etc.; No. of lbs. of comb and extracted honey secured. These reports to be forwarded to the O. B. A. similar associations doing likewise. We can work together and in harmony and in unity there is strength.

A temporary object is a display for Brant at the C. & I., prospects of representation are fair. The first meeting will be held Saturday, April 24th, 2 p.m., in Brantford.

The convention then adjourned. The convention called was the first solely Canadian convention having a sitting of five continuous sessions. As a convention it was so markedly successful as to profitable time (and for the first the number attending) that a similar one will probably be called during the early part of January, 1887, at Brantford.

A vote of thanks was passed to those not present having contributed papers, the County Council of Brant for the use of the Court house, the various papers for notices of meetings, the three city papers for reports of the session, hotel and railway for reduced rates and the chairman.

R. F. HOLTERMAN.

Brantford, Ont.

MIDDLESEX REE-KEEPERS.

(Continued from last week.)

Question—What is the best to sow for pasture? The President said Alsike clover. We get good hay and good cattle pasture from it. Mr. McEwen, of Ailsa Craig, got honey two weeks earlier and much more of it than the others did in that neighborhood. He sowed Alsike clover and got the best returns from his bees last year of any one in the district. Alsike clover will grow on any land, but low land is the The honey is better than best for it. that gathered from white clover. head droops and does not retain the water or dew as the white does where the heads stand upright. The bees can get more honey and less water from the Alsike clover blossom. The best wild pasture is the basswood. Mr. Langford said he sowed some Alsike clover several years ago and is not rid of it, for it continues to spring up year after year from its own seed. It grows as high as timothy when with it and makes beautiful hay.

Question—What is the best method of keeping the fine flavor of honey during the time that it is becoming thick, candied, or crystalized, as some call it? How shall it be stored? What shall we

run it from when filling for the market? J. Aches said to keep it in tin cans, bottles or jars, air tight. Keep it in a warm place, put it in 25 lb. tins from the extractor, if it candy put the can in a pot of cold water and let it get warm. Don't get it too hot, and it will retain its first flavor and turns it brown. Coleman seals his up in air tight rackages at once if ripe. D. Smith leaves it in large cans for a week, and then fills into air tight packages. D. P. Camphell said to take 5 or 10 pound cans, fill them two days after extracting, put them into water, let it get hot almost to bursting, punch a hole to let out the steam, solder the hole over and it will not candy, and it will retain its fine Mr. McNorton said to keep it flavor. in a dry place.

Questions—How do you keep uncom-How do you keep pleted sections? comb honey while taking to market? How do you preserve the unused combs? President said in answer to the last—I put them in a cupboard, fumigate with sulphur, no millers are seen; I left some unprotected and found them overrun with millers. Mr. Coleman hangs them up in the extracting room, burns a little sulphur, has no trouble with them. D. P. Campbell hangs his up in extracting room so they don't touch; has no trouble. Mr. Aches never fumigates his, but it would be a good plan if bee bread was in them to do so, puts his down cellar, don't put them close together. Mr. Glass said-If dry, put in an empty box, not touching each other. Mr. McNorton hangs them up in beehouse cool and dry. D. Smith puts them in boxes without covers, put in a store room or house, never lost any comb -unfilled sections. How do vou keep over winter? Mr. Coleman-Pile them in extracting room, of course crack, but the bees fill up the cracks when they complete the section. do you get your honey to market in comb? Mr. Coleman said in crates with glass fronts. Mr. Withers—What kind or race of bees are the most profit-Mr. Coleman—I have the black bees, some are mixed with Italians. P. Campbell said Albinos and Italians are the most profitable for honey, but thev all have to take a back seat for stingers when the Cyprians are around. Mr. Aches said-Half-breeds between

Holy Land and Italians are the best gatherers. They are superior in many wavs, 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 trou-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 Take the old hive and put on a gew stand to get the drift of old bees, vnd 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 s rong 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 Questions—I notice the worked below. following heading in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, published by Jones & Mac- Italian Queens, smokers, etc.

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

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I would like to know how many beekeepers are there in Canada? Ans-

wer 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, 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.

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We are preparing a general index for the past year, so that all who have all the numbers, will be able at once to turn to any portion of the volume and find just what they want.

Our leaflet, "Honey" has had a large run the past season; for next fall's use we will get it up in nicer shape, on better paper, and more attractive, and we teel sure that it will be more extensively used and distributed than ever.

We hope to be able to fill all orders for hives, sections, etc., promptly throughout the season, but as orders are coming in pretty thickly now, we will, unless we can keep a good deal ahead of the orders, have to withdraw the discount of 5 per cent. about April 1st, so that all who wish to reap the advantage of this discount will need to " hurry along."

We are pretty nearly a year old-another week will complete Vol. I of the Canadian Bee JOURNAL, and we may make some changes-but of this more anon. We have endeavored to conduct the JOURNAL throughout so that our subscribers could say of us that our motto has not been simply a "dead letter," but that throughout we have endeavored to work for the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number.

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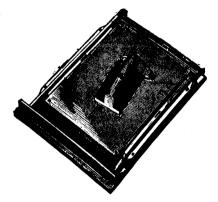
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