

Mr. W. L. O'Neil said he could obtain honey without trouble, but this peddling honey around the streets he did not like. Papers should give market reports of honey. Now we are likely to get a market in the old country, and bee-keeping is looking up.

Mr. Aches showed samples of the honey on which he had obtained first prizes over all competitors from all parts of the world at last year's Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London, England. They were all of beautiful color, clear and thick. One specimen was clover honey, one basswood, and the other fruit bloom. Though differing in flavor from others, each was delicious.

Mr. Aches reverted to honey market. He believed the market was better now.

Mr. O'Neil said he took over 300 lbs. of honey from one swarm of bees in one season, or 30 lbs. of honey every morning for ten days.

Mr. Aches said honey is not good and thick, and ripe if it is extracted every day, or every other day.

An excellent paper by Mr. Coleman, of Devizes, on the spring management of bees, was read by his little son John Robert.

Mr. Aches said he could go to a bee hive as well at midnight as at day.

Mr. Coleman said he did not know about the Holy Land and Italian bees, but the black bees will rob one another if opened at midday.

Mr. Langford said the Italian bees will follow a person around if that person has a smoker in his hand.

Mr. Atkinson related his experience with black bees which was anything but satisfactory, but now has Italians and finds them very satisfactory.

A paper prepared by Mr. Wm. Coleman, Devizes, on the subject, "What is the more practical, comb or extracted honey," was read by his son Robbie.

The Mayor being present was tendered the thanks of the Association for the use of the Town Hall at such low rates.

The Mayor in reply said the council was only too glad to serve the Association as well in the future as in the past.

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Zavitz, that the next meeting of this Association be held in Ailsa Craig next year, time to be decided by Board of Directors.—Carried.

The President, Mr. Atkinson, read a paper on the subject, "Why Canada's best honey should be more liberally used."

Moved by Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Aches, that the President and Secretary be tendered a vote of thanks for their efforts to make this meeting a success.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

ONE LOST OUT OF FORTY.

L. A. BLACKBURN.—My 40 colonies came out of cellar after 5 months confinement with one of a loss.

Cedar Springs, Ont., April 18, 1887.

G. L. PEARSON.—I put 53 hives of bees in my bee house, which I built two years ago. Last year I lost one; this year two. The rest are all in good condition. No moulded combs, no moisture, no dysentery, nearly all the colonies have brood and young bees.

Clarksburg, Ont., April 21, 1887.

BEES WINTERED BY FEEDING WARMED UP HONEY REGULARLY.

DR. DUNCAN.—My bees have wintered well, with very little loss. I fed three late second swarms that were light in the fall, all winter, with good pure honey warmed before feeding it; they came out in good order, no signs of disease and plenty of brood in the combs.

Embro, April 20, 1887.

BLOOM FROM SOFT MAPLE.

JOHN MCARTHUR.—In reply to Mr. R. T. Wood's statement in regard to my mistaken idea as he terms it, "that bees gather honey from soft maple bloom first in the spring," I again beg leave to re-affirm my statement. I have deferred replying to the above until again seeing my bees working on the soft maple blossom. I set out part of my bees on the 2nd. I observed the first soft maple blossom on the eighth and the bees bringing in pollen and honey on the 10th. I thought of sending you some of the pollen, but as it was observed by more than myself, it can be confirmed without that trouble. I was quite as much surprised at Mr. Wood's mistaken idea when he says soft maple blossoms about the latter part of April. From seven years close observation I find that the soft maple blooms from the 1st to the 21st of April, according to early or late seasons. Hard or sugar maple blooms from 21st of April to the middle of May.