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Lambton Bee-Keepers' Association.

The Lambton Bee-Keepers' Association was held in the town of Petrolia on Thursday, September 1st. On account of the absence of the President the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Dr. A. E. Harvey of Wyoming. The minutes and discussions of last meeting were read and adopted. The roll of officers and members was then called and fifteen new names were added to the list of membership. The Sec'y-Treas.'s report was then read showing a balance on hand and the Association in good running order. An interesting day was spent in discussing the various questions as advanced. The election of officers resulted as follows: Dr. A. E. Harvey of Wyoming, President; Lewis Traver of Alvinston, Vice-President; and J. R. Kitchen, Sec'y-Treas. A vote of thanks was then extended to the retiring officers. This closed the business of the forenoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

No speeches were given nor essays read; so they proceeded with the question box which was as follows:

1st, Is the Alley Drone trap or any other such fixture on the front of a hive a detriment to the worker bees? Mr. Boyd said that he had used the Alley Drone trap but not enough to thoroughly test it, but thought it a detriment to the bees. Mr. Forbes said that his experience with them was that they could not get out and in the hive so well with them on. Dr. Harvey said that he had considerable experience with them and found them a detriment to the bees but were good if a person wanted to kill off all black drones.

2nd, What time is it advisable to unite weak colonies in the fall of the year, and what is the best method of so doing. Mr. Traver made one queenless and then set one hive on the top of the other but smoked them all well first. He said by so doing the ones above would

not likely come down for a day or two and by that time they would not be acquainted with the ones below and would also forget their old home, he always doubled up when frost came. Dr. Harvey thought it best to double up early in the fall when the fall flow was good, then they would be more likely to gather honey enough to winter on, for one strong colony was better than two weak ones. Mr. Kitchen said that after the frost came he placed a couple of empty frames in the centre of a hive, made one colony queenless and put one in each end of the hive; they would then gradually get acquainted.

3rd, What is the best plan of handling bees to prevent robbing when honey is scarce? Mr. Traver said that about the best time to handle bees was from about four o'clock to seven in the evening, he thought best to smoke as little as possible for when smoked they would fill themselves with honey and would be less liable to defend themselves. A number of the members said that if any extracting was to be done the best way was to use a tent and be careful not to drop or daub any honey where the bees would get it and there would be no danger of robbing. This then led to a discussion concerning the queen-excluding board. Dr. Harvey thought it no advantage to keep the queen from going into the top story. Mr. Traver could not agree with him, he said that he would rather have honey than brood in the top story.

4th, What is the best method of wintering on summer stands? Mr. Granger packed his in clamps, set them about four inches apart, placed them on planks and raised them from the ground, had four inches chaff behind them and six inches in front of them, left the honey board on and liked to have it propolised down tight with a space between it and the frames so as to allow the bees to pass back and forth. Dr. Harvey packed in boxes with oat hulls around the hive, fed on granulated sugar syrup with about one dram of tartaric acid to ten lbs. sugar. Mr. Boyd uses the Richardson hive with success but did not like too much packing above the cluster, said that three inches was plenty, his experience was that a sawdust hive with one inch packing was as good as one with three inches.

5th, What kind of a feeder is best for fall feeding? Messrs. Morrison and Kitchen liked