

REPORTS AND EXPERIENCES

GLENGARRY (ONT.) BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting

On the afternoon of May 7th a goodly number of the members of the Glengarry Bee-keepers' Association met in the apiary of Alex. Dickson, Lancaster, for their annual spring meeting, Mr. Esdon presiding.

Following the president's opening address and the transaction of business matters, Mr. A. Dickson gave a demonstration of "How to Manage Your Bees," comprising a complete survey of the year's work of the bee-keeper from early spring until the fall, when they are put into shelter for winter. Special stress was laid on such important subjects as how to cut down swarming to a minimum, the different methods of queen-raising, and how queens are introduced. Much interesting discussion followed these various points as they were dealt with by the speaker.

A second demonstration on "Foul Brood" was given by the foul-brood inspector, who carefully described the nature of the two varieties of the disease—the American and the European.

It was pointed out that as yet the only remedy for European Foul Brood was to Italianize, the Italian bee being partially immune to the disease.

At the completion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered by the members to the speaker, after which the meeting adjourned.

SPRING MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX B.K.A.

The bee-keepers of Middlesex held their spring meeting in London on Saturday May 4th. The attendance was much better than at the last few meetings due partly to the fact that printed postcards stating the business to be transacted, were sent out to a great number of the bee-keepers in the county. The morning session was entirely taken up with wintering reports. The losses were unusually

heavy, running all the way from 5% to the total loss of apiaries. Mr. Jacob Haberer of Zurich reported a loss of 33⅓%. His bees had gathered large quantities of fall stores, and owing to pressure of work only these colonies were fed which were light and the result was a great deal of dysentery especially among those wintered out of doors. Those wintered in the cellar did not consume so heavily and consequently were less affected. Mr. Jacob McEwen, Ailsa Craig, lost twenty colonies, due largely to failing queens. A large part of these were queens which he had bought, and his experience has proved that queens which have come through the mails will not wear as long as queens reared in his own yard. Others present corroborated this though none could give the reason. Rev. John Moore, of Springbank, winters his bees in the cellar, removes them early, and gives protection. Out of 97 colonies he had no losses; Angus Galbraith winters in the cellar, and his losses were light; David Anguish, Lambeth, winters four in a case on half depth frames, loss 5%. E. T. Bainard, Lambeth, fed a cheap grade of sugar containing some yellow sugar to 18 of his stocks and these were almost a total loss from dysentery; feeding much more heavily than usual last fall, owing to the large amount of stores consumed, lost his usual 10% from starvation, but he determined not to repeat this. Miss Thirlwall of Duncrief, lost one colony from starvation. She keeps from 10 to 14 colonies and in ten years has only lost 4, (can anyone beat this record?). The secretary, in a very chastened spirit, had to confess that she had lost about a dozen from starvation. Reports from the south western part of the county, where the winters are usually quite mild give the loss at 75%.

The first business of the afternoon session was with regard to the association fee. This has been 75 cents, for the local with a bee journal for premium, and 50c extra for the Ontario Association with the C. B. J. as a premium. The grant from the O. B. K. A. has enabled the local association to do this, but the decrease in the grant, owing to the increase in the county association, made it neces-

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on all bee-keepers keeping a watch-harmful and illegal cessary, of taking protect the interests ofession. We shall this matter further columns, and also nees in which the essed.

BEE STINGS

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a solution of am-e of soda made into nd vinegar.

POOR STORES

50 colonies out of left are not in very loss, I think, was winter stores. Buck any honey in my but the bees filled gave a small surplus—mostly I think from weakest colonies I had syrup, and all are st condition now.

LEWIS MINOR
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BRUNSWICK 75%

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