

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

### LAMBTON BEE-KEEPERS.

THE first meeting of the Lambton Bee-keepers' Association was held in the Council Chamber in the village of Alvinston, on Wednesday Sept. 1, R. Auld, of Warwick village, was appointed President and Dr. Harvey of Wyoming, Vice-President, with J. R. Kitchin, Secretary, and Jas. Newell, Treasurer, both of the village of Alvinston. It was then extended from the Alvinston Association to the county.

The President on being asked to give his ideas on wintering, said that experience taught him that cellar wintering was best with a high temperature, about 45° or 50° and not to set out too early in the spring; have your frames set wide apart, about 8 or 9 to the hive. He uses the Jones hive set a deep super on the hive. Then packs over the frames with clover chaff, has a dead air space above the chaff of about five or six inches. Thinks all hives do not want the same ventilation.

Dr. Harvey next said that he kept bees for pleasure more than profit. Though that bees were the only boys he ever had around his place that he did not have to call up in the morning. Thought that wintering on summer stands was as good a way as any. Agreed with Mr. Auld about packing, but thought it best to have holes bored in the ends of the cover so as to allow all dampness to escape, and have wire cloth over the holes to keep the snow from blowing in. Said he liked a sawdust hive and thought that it made no difference as to the amount of sawdust packed around one over three inches in thickness.

Mr Husband said that he preferred wintering in cellar, if you have a good cellar, and, if not, out doors far the best way. Likes to have a high temperature. Wintered last winter on 8 and 10 frames, left the propolised cloths on all winter and preferred to not have his bees commence brood-raising before the month of March.

Mr. Traver next said that he had wintered successfully on summer stands. He packed some of his hives in boxes on summer stands with chaff around the hive and over the frames in the super,

leaving the cover off the hive altogether so as to allow all dampness to escape but had the box well covered with a slanting roof to keep the snow and rain out. He wintered half of his bees last winter in a shed that he had built for the purpose, with one thickness of lumber then lined inside with felt paper and had a dead air space between each thickness, filling the super of those with chaff also, and leaving the cover off.

Dr. Harvey thought it would be a good idea to lay some poison on a paper on on the top of the chaff so that the mice might get it and not allow them to make a nest in the chaff and disturb the bees.

Mr. Morrison, one of D. A. Jones's students said that he had not had much experience in wintering yet, but what he had had, wintered very successfully on summer stands.

Mr. Orchard said that he wintered in cellar with a high temperature, kept so, by having a small stove in the cellar and heating it when so required. Mr. Orchard then told about having foul brood in his yard. The remainder of the afternoon was then spent in talking about the disease and the best ways of curing it. Mr. O. had sent for one of D. A. Jones's pamphlets on foul brood and was treating his bees according as directed by it. This is the only case of foul brood known in the county of Lambton. The question of adulterated honey was next brought up, and a committee was appointed for the purpose of ferreting out any individual who sells adulterated honey and report them to the Government Inspector. The Convention then adjourned to meet in the village of Watford, on the 10th day of April 1887.

J. R. KITCHIN.

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## COMPLIMENTS

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FROM FRIENDS WHO HAVE DONE BUSINESS  
WITH US.

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### AN EXCELLENT SINGER.

Please accept my thanks for the copy of Rev. Wm. F. Clarke's sprightly and instructive "Bird's-Eye View of Bee-Keeping" kindly sent me. The old bird who took this "view of bee-keeping" has a keen eye, and he sings excellently well. His tones are full, pure and sweet, and