

with floats; he put a tablespoonful of salt to a gallon of water. His two boxes hold 25 pounds of water, and on Friday, May 1st, he found it necessary to fill these feeders three times, so fast did the bees take the water.

W. A. Hill, St. Thomas, gave a talk on the development of the extracted honey trade. The greatest difficulty bee-keepers had to contend with was the thought that honey when granulated was sugar. He made a display many years ago of 800 pounds of granulated honey in glass at the Southern Counties Fair. It surprised people.

The advisability of packing colonies with flax, chaff or forest leaves was discussed. F. A. Gemmill preferred leaves; Messrs. D. Anguish and President Miller preferred the flax.

Foul brood matters received considerable attention. It was thought that a larger Government grant and more inspectors would be needed to stamp out the disease, and the following resolution was passed: "That the Middlesex Bee-keepers' Association would earnestly point out the need of a larger Government grant and more inspectors to stamp out the disease known as foul brood."

In the discussion some thought it would be well to have an inspector residing in the county.

A pleasant event in connection with the meeting was the election of Mr. R. F. Holtermann to honorary membership in the Association, in consideration of services rendered from time to time.

COMMUNICATION

The last number of the Canadian Bee Journal is to hand. You are putting in good sound articles. It should be of practical use to Canadian bee-keepers, and I trust it is being well supported by them. It deserves to be.

F. W. JONES.

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HE HAS DUG HIMSELF OUT

Friend Anguish has survived the winter's snow. He comes up as chirpy as a spring chicken. A man who can have his bees hanging out in large clusters at this time of year must certainly have some good pointers stored away in his brain box. If we could only get him to use his pen as he uses his head we would be happy. He is a bit too brief this time:

"I see that you imagined that I was snowed under. We had a lovely lot of snow all winter, but not enough to quite snow me under. It is cold enough to-day (April 28) for myself and the bees to have our winter coats on yet.

"Don't take the coats or packing off the bees for some time yet, as there is likely to be several cold spells. If you do, there is likelihood of brood getting chilled.

"Don't fail to put your best energies into your bee business this summer, and see how it turns out, for that is where so many of us fail—we have something else to engage our attention, the bees are neglected, and then it is all laid to bad luck. There is no such thing; it is bad management. There was quite a number of bees lost last winter, notwithstanding that there has not been so favorable a winter for a number of years, and there has not been a season for a number of years when the outlook for getting a good crop and good prices was so favorable. There is very little honey left and less bees to gather it than there was a few years ago, and more people in the West to consume it, so **don't neglect your bees.**"

D. ANGUISH.

Now is the time for careful management. See that your bees have plenty of food and water. Do not hesitate to feed if stores are short.

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