

The wax extractor question called forth a diversity of opinions, but all advocated the production of good clean wax. A good plan proposed by some was to re-melt the wax after taken out of the extractor and strain it through a very thin cotton or cheese cloth into a clean vessel with a little warm water in it to prevent the wax sticking and set it away in a place where it will cool and harden slowly.

Re honey for Paris exhibition, several of the members proposed to send some of this seasons honey if they would be allowed to do so.

Reports of the condition of the bees at present was much below the average, some have lost heavily in the wintering. Prospects for honey crop is not very good.

Next meeting will be held at Milton on or about the 18th of October.

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YORK.

The York Bee-keepers Association met in the Town Hall, Markham, on Wednesday, May 16th. There was a fair attendance of members and others; letters were read by the President from a number of persons who were unable to be present, expressing their regrets. Mr. J. F. Davison was elected Sec'y-Treas. to supply the place of Mr. Louis Maples, who has removed from the county. A hearty vote of thanks was passed acknowledging Mr. Maples' very efficient services and regretting his removal from the Association, with which he has been connected since its organization. A motion of sympathy and condolence was passed by the Association to the relatives of the late Mrs. G. J. Size, whose sad death occurred last month.

Mrs. Size was a member of the York Association. After the business of the meeting was transacted the programme of questions was discussed and answered somewhat as follows:

Question No. 1.—May we not overdo turning honey into bees in the early spring, in case of a failure in the honey flow?

Ans.—It is generally considered best to increase bees as fast as possible in the spring, particularly where there is no bass-wood and only clover to depend upon for a surplus.

Question No. 2.—Providing increase in numbers is desired, which is most profitable, to buy the increase or allow store colonies to swarm?

Ans.—Buy the bees when they can be profitably bought.

Question No. 3.—How can the Solar Extractor be used, without darkening the honey which passes through it?

Ans.—Leave it in the extractor but a short time, remove before the wax melts.

Question No. 4.—When seven frames are used in an upper story of an 8 frame hive, and those frames when full used below, how many should go in?

Ans.—Put in full number of frames but rather than cut them use seven.

Question No. 5.—Will anyone, having experience with reversible extractors, give their opinion regarding them?

Ans.—A good reversible extractor is all right.

Question No. 6.—What is the best system of fastening foundation in frames, is wiring necessary, if so, what is the best system?

Ans.—(A variety of methods described.) Wiring is generally advisable.

Question No. 7.—Which is the best sized section for the home market?