

Leeds and Grenville.

BEE-KEEPERS' CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and Grenville Bee-keepers' Association was held at Brockville on Tuesday, Oct. 9th.

At the opening of the afternoon session an address of welcome to the convention was read by Mayor Culvert.

Mr. M. B. Holmes' president, occupied the chair, and Mr. Fulford, sec'y-treas., was present.

The president in his opening remarks indulged in a retrospective glance over the advancement made in the past ten years and said:—"What a wonderful change has taken place! Then it was a box containing a chaotic mass of honey in the comb; now it is a dozen or so of one-pound sections nicely finished by the bees themselves. Then it was 'Strained Honey,' a compound of nectar of flowers, pollen, grains of wax, &c.; now extracted honey in an amber liquid fit to tempt the most fastidious taste. But that which is of most interest to the general public is this fact: that, because of modern improvements, honey has been so reduced in price that it is no longer a luxury seen only on the tables of the rich, but it is within the reach of all. And what do we see as a result? I think we may safely say that there is ten times as much honey consumed as there was ten years ago, and if the bee-keepers of this country do their whole duty there is not a doubt that the consumption of honey will continue to increase at the same rate for the next ten years."

Mr. F. P. Clare is evidently an experienced bee-keeper and close observer, and he condenses much practical information in the following paper which he contributed to the convention.

QUEENS.

I do not think we need to trouble our-

selves much about them; not but what much depends upon a good queen, but because the bees know when and how to rear the best of queens. This is always done (if bees are in a normal condition) when honey is coming in regularly and the hives are filled with young bees. I have never had better queens than those raised under the swarming impulse, and with this end in view. I think it well to help those colonies that we desire to breed from by giving them sealed brood from the others. The selected ones will then swarm first and we will have young queens or cells for the others. All this means work and bother, and then how often do we find some hybrid stock better honey-gathers than our gentle Italians.

To be continued.

Prescott Bee-Keepers.

Plantaganet, Oct. 16th, 1894.

The second annual meeting of the County of Prescott Bee-keepers' Association was held in the town hall, Plantaganet, Oct. 15.

A valuable address from the President, the reading of interesting papers from prominent bee-keepers, and the discussions thereon, passed the time both pleasantly and profitably.

A splendid display was made of almost everything required in a well conducted apiary.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, W. J. Brown, Chard; Vice-president, C. Rivers, Alford; Sec-Treas., Jos. Charbonneau, Plantaganet; Directors, Dennis Brown, Jos. Charbonneau, James Dickson.

The next meeting will be held at Plantaganet, on the second Monday of Oct., 1895.

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