

BRANT COUNTY MEETING

Brant County Bee-keepers' Association met in the Court House, Brantford, Saturday afternoon, October 27th. There was but a slim attendance owing to the downpour of rain, those who were present, however, felt well repaid for the effort, hearing Mr. McEvoy, inspector of apiaries, talk on feeding colonies and preparing them for winter. Mr. McEvoy believes in contracting the brood chamber to five or six combs and that these combs should be solid stores. From past experience with this system he has absolutely no fear of wintering. Feeding when it has to be done late, he said, should be done from underneath rather than from above the cluster, in order that the bees take it readily and store it. For this purpose he recommends the Miller feeder, only that it be made the full size of the hive, the food apartment to have a handful of hay or straw so that the bees will not drown, and the feeder placed underneath the brood chamber on the bottom board, having the usual rim to give an entrance. The bees in passing in and out use the centre opening of the feeder, which, of course, has its cover removed for this purpose. Another plan which friend McEvoy recommended, when feeding from underneath is not practicable or possible, is something after what is known as a pepper box feeder, or an air feeder, simply an ordinary feeder with the glass cover removed and in its place a disc of perforated zinc, perforations about one-sixteenth of an inch, the usual rubber ring is placed on the top edge of the mouth of the feeder, the zinc disc put on instead of the glass cover, and the metal ring is screwed down upon it, making it secure. A hole or holes may be cut in the quilt and one or more of these

feeders upturned on the frames, according to the requirements of the colony. Being an air feeder, the syrup will percolate only as fast as taken by the bees. The feeders must necessarily be placed in an empty super, but this gives the opportunity and advantage of packing them around with chaff or other material in cold weather, thus maintaining the warmth of the syrup for a day or two. The feeder should rest on two little splints of wood, raising it above the frame sufficiently for the bees to pass underneath. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. McEvoy for his valuable hints.

The Association's report to the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association showed an average of about 26 pounds to the colony; the smallest average for years.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the proposition to send delegates to the Ontario convention, as the distance to Toronto is short and the rates low, quite a number purpose attending the convention at any rate, and it was decided that the money usually spent in this way be used to pay the expenses of one or more leading American beekeepers to address the United County meeting in January next.

At the election of officers, Mr. James H. Shaver, Cainsville, was appointed president, Mr. Chris. Edmondson vice-president, W. J. Craig, Brantford, secretary-treasurer.

If you want to get on, get in with the people in your line of business or in your profession. Try to make yourself popular with them. If a business man, associate with the best men in your business; if a lawyer, keep in with lawyers. Join the lawyers' clubs or associations. The very reputation of standing well in your own craft or profession, will be of great value to you.—Success Magazine.