

Manitoba Bee-keepers Organize.

As announced in Feby. issue of the C. B. J. a meeting of bee-keepers was held in Winnipeg on Tuesday afternoon, Feby. 24th, for the purpose of organizing a provincial bee-keepers' association. The meeting was held in the office of the live stock associations, but the number present made it necessary to adjourn to the class room of the dairy school. There were present—Rev. A. E. Cowley, St. James; Rev. Van Gestern, St. Charles; J. J. Gunn, Gonor; James Duncan and Jas. Scott, Dominion City; Thos. Rowan, Macgregor; Percy Rouleau, Rathwell; Allen Leslie, Chater; T. Whitehead, Winnipeg; Mrs. A. Cooper, Treesbank; G. T. Chapman, St. James; David James, Suthwyn, and others. Rev. A. E. Cowley was elected chairman, and Mr. Bartlett secretary of the meeting. J. J. Gunn was called upon to explain the object of the gathering, and began by calling attention to the enormous possibilities of the province from a bee-keeper's point of view. He said that one apiary had netted 14,000 pounds, this must all have been within a radius of three miles, or, say, one township. If one third of the townships of the province were equally good the province could produce nearly ten million pounds of honey, or nearly a million dollars worth or double the production of the great honey producing state of Texas. Dupasquier, of Notre Dame de Lourdes, states that at Notre Dame the pasture will support over three hundred colonies per township, which is an average of one hundred pounds of honey per colony would more than

double the above figures. These are the

POSSIBILITIES FOR PRODUCTION and as to markets it is only necessary to quote the president of the Ontario bee-keepers, association, who states that Manitoba and the Northwest are their best markets. We must organize to make use of these wonderful possibilities by encouraging our people to keep bees, and we must shut out the large quantities of adulterated honey that come in from the east. About three carloads of honey are received by Winnipeg dealers, beside the quantities shipped to other points in the province. The quantity produced in the province is uncertain. Our honey is the best in the world, and all who have had experience in bee-keeping in other places claim that bees are more healthy here than elsewhere. He heartily endorsed the proposal to organize both for the benefit of those now in the business and to induce others to engage in it.

MR. DUNCAN'S EXPERIENCE. Mr. James Duncan endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, and stated that from his experience the average of 100 pounds per colony was a reasonable expectation here, while in the great bee state of Texas the average was only sixty. He was situated among wheat fields, yet he always looked for 100 to 120 in a good season. He believed that an organization of this kind would greatly encourage bee-keeping in the province.

THE BEGINNING OF ORGANIZATION. Mr. Bartlett stated that, with the object of ascertaining the feeling of bee-keepers of the province the following circular has been sent out to all whose names were obtainable—