Buckwheat Honey.

We are yearly producing more and from the position I was in last summer as Seed Inspector in the County of Peel, I learned why such is the case. There are several weeds, such as Twitch Grases, Sow Thistle, Bladder Campion, Canadian Thistle, to kill which, that farmers are cultivating their lands as long as possible in spring, and then sowing buckwheat to smother weeds and have a crop of grain as well. Until the weeds are got under control we may look for more buckwheat honey and we must also take care of a market for it. Toronto is not anxious for buckwheat honey in the same way as Montreal. It is evident that we have been supplying them with good white honey, as the market here is still growing.

The Crop Report Committee will make some reference to their work.

Selling by Sample.

When we sell by sample do we give an equal quality of goods? If we do not, we should, as there is nothing will give us a bad name so quickly. In talking this matter over with one of the largest purchasing houses in Toronto a few days ago, I asked him if they were disappointed by bee-keepers not giving a quality up to sample. He said that he had found bee-keepers good business men and that he had not been disappointed in the the quality of honey furnished.

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A SUCCESSFUL COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(E. T. Bainard, at O.B.K.A.)

As the successful bee-keeper looks after the individual wants of each colony of bees, so should the successful County or District Bee-Keepers' Association look after and interest its individual members in the advancement of the work of the Association.

When a bee-keeper joins the Middlesex Association, which only costs him 75c per year, we give him the choice of three bee journals, and as we are affiliated with the Ontario Association, our members may join for an additional 50c and receive the Canadian Bee Journal and all reports. This literature is a stimulatant to the new member, like honey is to a starving colony of bees.

We change the officers each year, working in new blood; those that have the welfare of the society at heart, and, of course, the successful bee-keepers have naturally more influence in this work. We hold at least two meetings per year, advertising them well in the local newspapers. By this means we can reach the bee-keeper—if we can call him a bee-keeper—who takes no bee journal.

In looking up the back history of our County Association, I notice about 22 years ago they first affiliated with the Ontario Association. Mr. R. F. Holtermann, being at this meeting, explaired the benefits of affiliation. Three years ago we asked the Inland Revenue Department that an inspector be sent out. This was done, and every large centre in the Dominion was visited and samples of honey taken and analyzed. The report showed very little adulteration in the Province of Ontario. The tendency of this is to increase the sales of honey and increase the confidence of buyers in Ontario honey.

When we, along with other county associations, asked the Department of Agriculture for more assistance in fighting foul brood, we were very fortunate in having an inspector appointed for the London district who takes an interest in our Association. He advises the small, the large and the many other classes of bee-keepers whom he visits in his rounds of inspection to attend our meetings, and he generally practices what he preaches by attending himself and giving us information on foul brood matters.

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