

the sum of six dollars to each of four Agricultural Societies, and Committee was appointed to interview Directors of said Societies to have the grant supplemented by an equal amount to be given as prizes at the fall fairs. The Societies to receive grants are Alvinston, Sarnia, Wyoming and Brigiden.

Lewis Traver, who was appointed Delegate to the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, with instructions to bring up the question of Spraying Fruit Trees, reported that a Bill has been passed respecting same.

J. R. Kitchen read a very interesting essay on "Who should keep bees."

A great many questions were asked and discussed at length, but as usual the "wintering" question was found to be the most interesting.

This question can never be settled, as where some succeed others fail; heavy losses were reported.

The next meeting is to be held in Petrolea, on Nov. 12th.

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### Who Ought To Keep Bees.

**W**HIS is a subject that much has been written about but I shall endeavor to give a few ideas that to my knowledge have not been advanced. So far as the laws of our land are concerned anyone may keep bees but like the mechanic or professional to make a success of his special line must be specially adapted for the business. Many people who keep a few hives consider if their bees swarm so that they will increase from one to five, or from ten to thirty-five they are doing exceedingly well. But alas winter comes and spring succeeds it and on examining their bees they find them dead. Such a person is unworthy the name of bee-keeper. Mr. Allen Pringle one of Canada's soundest writers on apiculture said in a paper read before the Central Farmers Institute at Toronto amongst small bee-keepers the bees handle the man instead of the man the bees. As we travel from place to place do we not find such men handling bees when there is no honey flow, and they are disposed to rob and sling anything and everything that comes within forty rods and is it not laughable as they take us to inspect their stock the first thing they secure is a strong veil, it may as I have seen be made out of wire netting, attached to a broad rimmed hat with a cape then an overcoat buttoned up tight, with a pair of comfortable warm mits. Is not this a

pleasing sight to a practical bee man? As we converse or rather try to converse with them concerning the hive they use and the different races of bees, they express themselves about as follows:—"Well I'd just as soon have the old black bees as any and the hive I use is my own make. I caught a swarm in the woods and my hive contains about the same capacity of comb as the one caught in the woods," when in all probability neither the hive or frames are adjustable.

Such bee-keepers generally know too much to read a bee journal and are too mean to attend a convention, they remind me of a farmer who is too stingy to subscribe for a paper, such farmers though as a rule know the price of eggs and butter at their nearest market but come to converse with them on any other subject and they are perfectly ignorant.

I do not think bee-keeping should be confined to men alone, both women and boys should take an interest in this pursuit. In fact I am acquainted with one lady who is quite a practical bee-keeper, she is the honey producer but when it comes to heavy lifting the men are required. By her intelligence in connection with bees she is the cause of no small increase in capital during each year. Should we not have different lady bee-keepers regularly contribute to our different Journals?

Boys I think should be encouraged in bee keeping, why not procure a hive for them, then put in their possession one of the leading text books and a journal, set them to studying into the mystery of the bee-hive, it is true they may not succeed financially or otherwise the first or even the second year but if they have a love for the pursuit they will become better educated and thereby see many better and nobler things in creation.

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### A New Beginner.

**I** AM only a new beginner in bee culture but I think I have not done badly considering the short time I have been in the business. I started with one hive in June '91, the first swarm I received was in July and in ten days I had an after swarm. I made both of them by feeding syrup, kept them in the cellar with a temperature of from 40 to 50. I took them out first of April for a two days fly and put them back till the 19th when I took them out for good, with one queen gone, "it belonged to the mother hive," this hive was not fed any and I believe was troubled with dysentery but as soon as I gave them a fly they got all right, it being very