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Sweet April! Many a thought
is wedded unto thee, as hearts are wed;
Nor shall they fail till, to its autumn
brought,
life's golden fruit is shed.

LONGFELLOW.

Annual
Meeting

BEE-KEEPERS'
ASSOCIATION
OF ONTARIO

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FIRST DAY (evening session)

30 o'clock p. m. The President in
chair called the convention to
order.

Mr. Smith, at the call of the chair,
read his paper on "Exhibitions of
Honey" as follows:

"Exhibitions of honey at our local fairs
and exhibitions have come to be recog-
nized as being as much a part of agri-
cultural displays as fruits and
vegetables, and in any locality where
beekeepers have taken sufficient
interest in agricultural societies, and
attended their meetings, the Directors
have seen to it that the premiums
were liberal and encouraging.

"There is no better means of educat-
ing the general public in the nature
and value of honey than by a good dis-
play at fairs. I do not mean such as
are usually called for in many prize
lists. "Strained, five pounds," and

"In comb, five pounds," which is
often taken literally. The liquid is
very much strained, but not all of the
pollen strained out of it, and, as I
have seen, large brood combs shown
for "comb." All this is pretty good
evidence that their was no up-to-date
bee-keeper on the committee for re-
vising the prize list.

The Secretary and Directors of
agricultural societies are generally
progressive and intelligent men who
wish to have their exhibition outshine
all others, and to do this they must
be well informed. I have always
found them willing to do all possible
in the way of allotting space and offer-
ing premiums for displays of honey,
especially after it has been shown
what an attractive display may be
made with honey and other products
of the apiary. Of course I do not
mean that display should be encour-
aged before quality; quality should
count most, every time.

Some years ago, when living in
Muskoka, I exhibited honey at the
Muskoka County Fair, showing the
small quantities called for in the
prize list. It was classed with pre-
serves, pickles and other home pro-
duce and attracted no particular
attention. The next year I exhibited
at the industrial at Toronto, and, on
my return to Bracebridge, applied for
space at the County Fair to put up
a display of comb honey in sections;
also extracted honey, both clover and