

The number of ladies present was even greater than last year, and by enquiry we found that many of them were deeply interested in the business. The number in attendance from across the line has also increased, some appearing on the program, and others to tell us "that they come to learn of us and our ways" of treating the little insect.

The President's opening address was not wholly optimistic, as he recounted the loss of sixty-five colonies in one of his own yards by floods, and told of other bee-keepers' losses from disease and from the extremely low temperature of last winter. The cold wet weather in the fall necessitated very heavy feeding of sugar, with attendant expense and extra labor, but he gave a cheerful finish to his address by alluding to the luxuriant growth of clover that this season's rains have induced, that would point to a good clover-flow for next year.

The foul brood question still holds the minds of bee-keepers. A bee-keeper of large experience, and one who up to this season was a strong advocate of the black bee, in the past season lost a whole yard by European foul brood. He is going to Italianize his other yards.

The automobile is growing in favor with those who run out-yards. Mr. H. G. Sibbald has used one this year with much advantage in going from one apiary to another. He claims that it is a money-saver, a money-maker, and worth its price for the fun you have in running it. Mr. Farr, of Low Banks, uses a motor truck in moving extracting and other appliances from yard to yard, instead of having these appliances at each yard.

Mr. Dadant read an address by Mr. Tyrell, of Detroit, Mich., which showed that the financial side of the honey business depended upon the bee-keeper himself as a pushing salesman.

Mr. Dunn, of Ridgeway, dealt with the subject of preparing bees for wintering out-of-doors, and Mr. Harkness discussed the winter and spring management of bees wintered in cellar.

Mr. Clark, of Cainsville, gave a very interesting address on combining bees, poultry and fruit. We could not help thinking that if he ever gets bee-keeping down to such a science, both in manufacture and sales, as he has poultry and apples, the Arabian Nights stories will be tame compared to the story he will then have to tell.

The address of A. D. McIntosh, B.S.A., Sterling, showed that a district representative's office can be of great service to the bee-keeper in his locality by employing a bee-keeper to do part of the agricultural work of the district.

Mr. F. W. L. Sladen, Assistant in Apiculture, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, gave an address on bee-breeding.

We are wondering yet why members hesitated to give a positive answer when the question drawer asked, "Where is the best place to buy Italian queens?"

We also wondered why there was not a single buzz from the bee-keepers who clustered near the top-bars at Convocation Hall, when every other society on the program had a spouting representative.

There was a very creditable showing of bee products most tastefully arranged at the Horticultural Exhibition this year. The Ontario exhibit was under the large dome in the Horticultural Building at Exhibition Park, and Middlesex County's exhibit was in close proximity to it. Middlesex County supplied a large part of the comb honey of both exhibits as well as the whole exhibit of Middlesex County.

Kindly address all communications to THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, Brantford. Serious difficulties have arisen recently through loss of letters. We are investigating. If you have had no acknowledgment, kindly write us again.

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