

ELGIN COUNTY BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

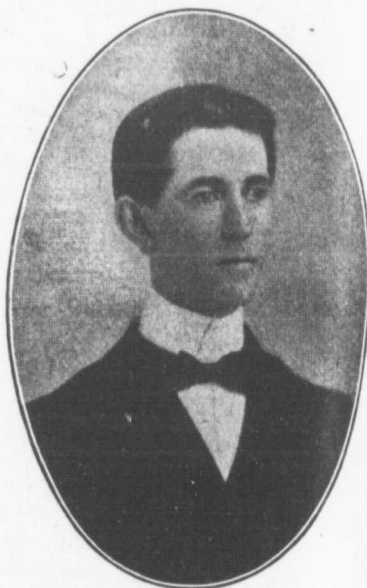
The Spring meeting of this Association was held in the Council Chamber, St. Thomas, on Saturday, April 30th; morning and afternoon sessions. There was a fair representation of members and others present. The President, Mr. Morley Pettit, in opening the meeting referred to the heavy winter losses sustained by many bee-keepers in the district. Messrs. Glenn, McFarlane, Robb, Gibbs, McLellan, Hill, Smith, Martin and others, spoke of wintering showing fair results, both outside and inside, the concensus of opinion being that while the winter was unusually severe the losses were chiefly with the less careful class of bee-keepers, and due principally to insufficient stores and protection. Colonies had dwindled considerably since being set out, owing to bright sunshiney weather, accompanied by cold winds, the sunshine inducing the bees to leave their hives they were chilled in flight, and unable to return. The question as to whether bees should be set out when there is frost and snow on the ground, was dealt with by Mr. Gemmell of Stratford, who considered that one should be guided rather by the temperature of the atmosphere. Speaking of colonies being covered with snow during the winter, Mr. Gemmell said he had no objection to a fair amount of loose snow, so long as the bees were not too long confined. Ice or frozen snow at the entrance should be guarded against.

The prospects for the season were discussed at some length, and were considered as being rather uncertain. A good deal of clover had been

winter killed, the season in any case will be much later than usual, and the bees will require considerable nurture to bring them up to the standard for honey gathering when the season opens.

At the afternoon session Mr. R. H. Smith read an excellent paper on the marketing of honey, the leading points of which were that bee-keepers should produce the best possible, and put it up in the most attractive forms.

Mr. Gemmell, assistant inspector of



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apiaries, gave an address on foul brood, describing the symptoms of the disease, the punctured cappings of brood combs where the disease is present, the brown colored decayed mass in the cells, the stringy consistency and the peculiar "glue pot smell." The treatment advocated and practiced by Mr. McEvoy and himself is that if shaking off the bees from the diseased combs on starters of comb foundation, repeating the operation in four days on fresh start-

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