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this booklet will be cared for by the  
National but will probably be confined  
to the four Bee Journals, on the start.

Yours truly,

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#### HURON COUNTY BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The Huron County Bee-keepers Asso-  
ciation held their first annual meeting in  
the Council Chamber at Clinton on Dec.  
14th. The attendance was fair, but no  
doubt the rough roads just at that time  
kept quite a few away. The time at our  
disposal was rather limited on account of  
the train service, and, lasted from 11  
a.m. to 4 p.m.—too short a time for bee-  
keepers. The election of officers and the  
discussion of the question "How can bee-  
keepers be better brought together" took  
up considerable time. The election of  
seven directors to represent the different  
locations of the county and to try to get  
bee-keepers in their neighborhood more  
interested, resulted as follows: Alex.  
McPherson, Exeter; L. Beatty, Varna;  
Alfred B. Carr, Blyth; George Cattle,  
Whitechurch; Noble N. Forbes, Lead-  
bury; J. Brethauer, Wroxeter; H. B.  
Brown, Port Albert. The other  
officers elected are: President  
James Green, Hensall; vice-president,  
Isaac Dodd, Clinton; secretary, J. Hab-  
erer, Zurich.

Mr. Morley Pettit addressed the meet-  
ing in the afternoon and spoke princi-  
pally on "the production of extracted  
honey" showing at the same time the  
modern 10-frame hive with all the neces-  
sary appliances and tools. The honey-  
board with fruit-jar feeders was also  
shown, and its use fully explained. This  
feeder seems to gain in favor amongst

many bee-keepers. Preparation for win-  
tering on summer stands in cases to con-  
tain four hives was recommended. Some  
discussion on the matter of thickness of  
packing ensued and it appeared to be the  
general experience that the outside pack-  
ing does not need to be very thick, but  
that a good depth of top packing—at  
least 10 inches is necessary. The Ger-  
man practice of using a cardboard on the  
bottom-board with the entrances so ar-  
ranged that the cardboard (rub-  
beroid would serve the same pur-  
pose,) could be taken out any time  
through the winter for examination, and  
its appearance would serve as a means of  
diagnosing the condition of the bees,  
thus rendering a top examination in most  
instances unnecessary. This practice  
would be well worth trying. After des-  
cribing the details of spring work and  
the handling of the bees and honey dur-  
ing the main honey flow, Mr. Pettit re-  
ferred to a method of taking off honey  
in the fall or at any other time when  
robbing may occur. He first smokes the  
bees down from the super, and after  
lowering the frames, takes off the super  
and closes the hive as quickly as pos-  
sible. He then shakes the remainder of  
the bees from the combs. The robbers  
will not get a chance to enter from  
above.

After going over the work of extract-  
ing and straining the honey, Mr. Pettit  
recommended that the honey should be  
drawn off into cans as soon as possible.  
If, however, suitable tanks are  
at hand, the honey may be  
allowed to stand for two or three  
days. A cloth or any other cover will  
prevent loss of flavor and will protect  
the honey from dust, etc. It seems to  
the writer that this quick drawing off  
is overdone. Saving time is alright, but  
sometimes too much weight is laid on  
time saving! I think every bee-keeper  
should know how often complaints are  
heard as to impure honey, and though it