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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Recent rains have improved conditions in most of the districts but in some places it came too late. Eastern Ontario has suffered very much from drouth. The West is now in splendid shape and a good yield from clover is anticipated; basswood is making a fine showing and should give a flow if the weather is right when the bloom opens.

Secretary Couse sends a copy of the plan of management agreed upon by the Directorate of the Canadian Honey Exchange. Copies of the same we believe have been submitted to all the county associations. The idea of arranging with commission houses to handle the honey is perhaps the best that can be done for the present. Section 4 however strikes one immediately as a weak point, "every member will have the privilege of wholesaling in any market except those places mentioned above where the commission house will be sole agent." Why prohibit members

from wholesaling in these places provided they adhere to the uniform grading and prices as in the retailing. This restriction would, we are afraid, keep a good many desirable bee-keepers out of the membership as a man who is not a member can wholesale where he likes, save his 5% commission and obtain all the advantages of the exchange by way of prices if he wants to.

Brant County Association

Brant County Association met in the court house Brantford, on Saturday afternoon May 23rd. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter our old friend Jacob Alpaugh of Galt who has returned from his trip in Florida and the south. Mr. Alpaugh had the misfortune to lose his Owen Sound apiary of bees and fixtures by fire, in his absence. The house wherein his stuff was stored and his bees were wintering was burned, with all its contents; and no insurance. He is going on with the business however. Alpaugh motto is "never be discouraged."

Miss Aukland a lady bee-keeper from England who is at present assisting in the Foster and Holterman apiaries was introduced to the members and spoke briefly on some England lines of management. Miss Aukland is quite a plucky young woman and of good ability, she has come out to this country all alone and purposes taking up bee-keeping as a business and we are sure she will succeed in it.