

NOTES FROM HURON COUNTY.

Field Demonstrations, Honey Prices, etc.

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Quite a few field or apiary demonstrations have been held in Ontario during the present season, and I have no doubt that such meetings are more instructive to ordinary bee-keepers than the winter conventions. To see and to be shown will always be more helpful to most people than merely to hear. Our Huron County Association have held two apiary meetings, one at the writer's home yard at Zurich, and the other at Mr. Isaac Dodd's apiary in Clinton. The first meeting, I am sorry to say, could not be called a success, for on that occasion we struck a rainy day. It was only one day too soon, as after that we had no rain at all for a month. There were but a dozen bee-keepers present. The worst disappointment of all, however, was when the demonstrator, Inspector Schrank, failed to appear, which was also the case at the second meeting at Clinton. The fault was not Mr. Schrank's, as we understand that he did not receive his instructions from headquarters until after the meetings were over! The owners of the apiaries acted as demonstrators in his absence, and at the Zurich meeting, during the few fine hours we were fortunate enough to get, the writer gave his audience information on queen-rearing, forming nuclei, wax rendering and saving. But on the real subject of interest, the one that everybody was anxious to hear about, viz., foul brood, I could give only what I had read and heard about it, and describe only what I had seen of a sample of foul-broody comb a few years ago at a Toronto convention. If we live on another year we hope to be more fortunate.

Our new Association numbers twenty-four members.

In consequence of the crop reports

issued by the Honey Crop Committee and published in the Canadian Bee Journal, it seems that honey prices are stiffening in this neighborhood. Before this year very little honey was sold at a higher figure than 10 cents, except my own and a few others. A very good-hearted lot these bee-keepers are compared with other people in the community! Imagine a farmer selling his wheat at 75c. when it is worth a dollar. "Customers don't want to pay more," is generally the answer when I speak to these good-hearted fellows. But I have sold nine-tenths of my own crop now without much trouble at from 12 to 13 cents. Only one customer was trying to cut my price. Of course, he will look out for a 10 cent honey producer.

My crop has been small—perhaps I should not tell how much. Those lucky fellows will laugh, but it is of no use hearing only of big yields. Only 8000 pounds of honey of good quality from 250 colonies! Zurich, Ont.

REPORT OF THE O. B. K. A. HONEY CROP COMMITTEE

Dark Honey Prices—"Scare Cards"

The Honey Crop Committee of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association met at Toronto on Wednesday, September 6th, to consider the crop reports received from the bee-keepers of the province, and to recommend prices for dark honey. A good many reports were sent in, and after considering these the committee came to the conclusion that the dark honey crop was about the same as last year. Owing to the shortage in the early fruit crop, there has been less home canning than usual, which will undoubtedly result in an increased demand for honey.

Prices for dark honey are suggested by the committee as follows:—

In lots of one ton and over to wholesale

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