

### Comb Honey.

Mr. Dempsey said he kept bees for profit, and was in favor of comb honey. He lost less bees when raising it and besides he had found a compound in the Toronto market last fall which was composed of a small portion of honey the remainder being sugar, it had been sold for extracted honey, and as a matter of course spoiled the sale of pure extracted, to those who were not judges. Thus the market for pure honey was injured by unscrupulous dealers, and all cases of this kind should be exposed through the press.

**Bee Feeding.**—Miss Levisconnte said she made a syrup of granulated sugar of the same thickness as honey and found it answered the same purpose.

### QUEENS.

Mr. Dempsey said when he got a good queen, he invariably clipped her wings and took no chances of losing her.

As the next place of meeting the Secretary urged the claims of Picton, as the place of holding the May meeting, but several of the bee-keepers from that vicinity thought a better attendance might be had elsewhere, and therefore did not urge Picton's claims. J. H. Peck, seconded by E. R. Bonter, moved that the May meeting be held at Trenton. It was moved in amendment that the May meeting be held in the village of Stirling. The amendment was carried.

A. McLatchie seconded by Capt. Tice, moves that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Mayor and Council of the city of Belleville for the free use of the City Hall for holding the meetings of the Association in. Carried.

R. N. Hunt seconded by Mr. Brown, moved that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the "Belleville Intelligence," "Daily Ontario," "Napanee Beaver," "Stirling News Argus," "Maddoc Review," "Trent Valley Advocate," "Trenton Courier," "Campbellford Herald," "Brighton Ensign," "Colborne Express," and "Hastings Star," for the insertion of notices of meeting. Carried.

The discussions were full and interesting to bee keepers. The above report is but a short summary of the proceedings of the session, as our society cannot afford to have a short hand re-

porter, to report our proceedings in full? Our membership is very well sustained and all seem pleased with the "American Bee Journal." The secretary read a circular from D. A. Jones & Co. to the Association, informing them that they proposed to publish a Journal devoted exclusively to bee culture and kindred subjects, to be called the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, which is to be published *weekly* at the minimum price of \$1.00 per annum. The announcement was well received and promises of support to a home Journal were readily given.

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### THE LISTOWEL BEE-KEEPER'S ASSOCIATION.

THE above Association met on the 18th of February, according to notice, by invitation cards and posters. There were fully a hundred present, although the railroads were blocked by snow and the weather cold in the extreme, preventing many who would otherwise have been present. Our president, Mr. Forrest, in the chair, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Jacob Bray, seconded by Jas. Tudhope, that members pay their annual dues, and those paying now be free until the annual meeting in 1886. Carried.

Moved, seconded and resolved that the President, Secretary and Messrs. Bray and Mitchell be appointed a committee and attend at the station to meet Mr. D. A. Jones, Carried.

Moved, seconded and resolved that we adjourn until 2.30 p. m. Carried.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 p. m. The president took the chair, introducing Mr. Jones to a crowded audience, who fully appreciated the mental treat provided. Mr. Jones brought, with him 20 varieties of bees, many of them rare specimens, having cost the owner large sums of money. He briefly gave their nativity and climatic habits, and also showed a hornet and monster spider, enemies of bees, and told us the places of their nativity. He had individual experience with the battle-end of the hornet, and hinted that its close companionship was not very agreeable.

Mr. Jones then presented the Association with a set of charts showing the anatomy of the honey bee and its relation to flowering plants, accompanied by a descriptive key, making at the same time several comments on it. He also remarked that he wished to occupy the time in giving such information that those present interested in the business might afterwards compute his visit in dollars and cents.