

The indifferent farmer was a decided obstacle. The question was how to get his attention. The farmers' institutes had done a great deal, and the women's institutes were gradually inaugurating a revolution in the conditions of farm life. The result of opening of branch offices in the country towns, with live young men representing the Government departments, has been most encouraging, and if this new missionary movement could be started in thirty or forty centres, it would bring a solution of the problem to be met.

[From the above we can gather some idea of what must have been a brilliant and instructive address. The Government is seeking to do for bee-keepers, also, that which will promote the greater production of honey and the preservation of the bees from disease. If those having a few hives of bees, kept in any old way, would regard the visit of the inspector as that of a friend, instead of with fear and suspicion, our progress in the improvement of the bee-keeping industry would be greater. Our Provincial Government is certainly doing much for the betterment of the farmer.—Ed.]

Honey, or, more properly speaking, flower nectar, when first gathered by the bees is a double sugar or cane sugar. But while the busy bee is flying home from the fields she is at work completing in her honey-sac the change of this cane sugar into a single sugar—or grape sugar. The honey is then deposited in the cells in the hive and evaporated by currents of air driven through the hive by the buzzing of bees stationed at the entrance to the hive for that purpose, until it is well "ripened" to prevent souring. It is then sealed up and ready to be eaten as a very wholesome food not without medicinal qualities, for honey has a very soothing effect upon the throat. It will be seen that the first stage of digestion is completed, and when we eat honey we eat in so far a pre-digested food.

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O.B.K.A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1907-1908

Receipts

Balance from last year.....	\$244 58
Dec. 30—By cash from Sec. Hodgetts.....	53 60
June 3—By cash from Sec. Hodgetts.....	18 00
June 12—By cash from Gov. grant.....	450 00
July 7—By cash from Sec. Hodgetts.....	38 00
Nov. 10—By cash from Secretary for membership fees.....	25 50
Nov. 10—By cash from Secretary for entry fees.....	4 50

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Expenditure

Nov. 15—Paid M. D. Lawrie, caretaker of hall.....	\$ 3 00
Dec. 12—Paid S. D. House, expenses annual meeting.....	25 00
Dec. 12—Paid J. H. Dunlop, grant to Fruit, Flower and Honey Show.....	50 00
Dec. 12—Paid J. H. Thomson, services F. F. and Honey Show.....	20 00
Dec. 12—Paid Paul E. Grainger, one-half dozen comb honey.....	1 75
Dec. 12—Paid Geo. Laing, 9 jars honey.....	1 25
Dec. 12—Paid Wm. Briggs, program annual meeting.....	6 50
Dec. 12—Paid Geo. Angus, for reporting annual meeting.....	75 00
Dec. 19—Paid J. H. Dunlop, honey prizes, F. F. and Honey Show.....	38 13
Dec. 30—Paid Hurley Printing Co., for 95 subscriptions C.B.J.....	61 75
Jan. 22—Paid Hurley Printing Co., for 95 subscriptions, C.B.J.....	6 50
April 2—Paid Hurley Printing Co., for 95 subscriptions, C.B.J.....	44 85
April 2—Paid H. S. Sibbald, revising annual report, and honey.....	9 40
April 2—Paid H. G. Sibbald, revising heads.....	8 50
June 3—Paid M. B. Holmes, expenses Executive meeting.....	10 50
June 12—Paid Wm. Briggs, printing posters bills warning against spraying.....	4 25
July 4—Paid Hurley Printing Co., C.B.J. subscriptions.....	17 45
Aug. 27—Paid Hurley Printing Co., C.B.J. subscriptions.....	18 50
Oct. 6—Paid Wm. Briggs, printing.....	22 00
Oct. 28—Paid Affiliated Societies grants.....	200 00
Nov. 4—Paid Industrial Exhibition, prize list.....	25 00
Nov. 12—Paid Sec. Haldimand B.K.A.....	20 00
Nov. 12—Paid Wm. Couze, expenses Executive Committee.....	5 80
Nov. 12—Paid Wm. Briggs, printing.....	9 60
Nov. 12—Paid W. J. Craig, expenses Honey Crop Committee.....	3 00
Nov. 12—Paid W. A. Chrysler, expenses Executive Committee.....	7 00
Nov. 12—Paid Treasurer's salary and postage.....	29 00
Nov. 12—Paid Directors' and Officers' expenses, annual meeting.....	108 70
Nov. 12—Paid Auditors.....	2 00

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Balance on hand 17 74

HONEY MARKET

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