Oxford Bee-Keepers Association.

keepers' Association opened Dec. 17th, in the County Council Chamber, Woodstock, with a fair attendance. The meeting was taken up with business, the first being the reading and adoption of the minutes and financial report.

The election of officers resulted in the election of F A. Gemmell, President; J. W. Whealy, Vice-President; J. E. Frith, Sec.-Treas.; and Messrs. M. Emigh, J. B. Hall, John Newton, Jethro Gould and W. Burkholder, Directors for 1801

A short discussion occurred on foul brood legislation, emphasizing the important part played by this Association. It was decidedly felt that had it not been for the plans put into operation by this Society, foul brood law would still be a thing of the future. It is painfully apparent that those who set the ball rolling, have conspicuously been left in the back ground.

The afternoon session opened with a paper on Apicultural Journalism. The writer pointed out the great benefits derived from that source. Bee journals have festered an infant occupation into one of the world's coming industries. fact it is already upon the world's commercial Canadian bee journals were not onetenth appreciated. How is the matter to be The paper discussed the pros and bettered? cons of private and and public journals; those conducted by private enterprise and those conducted by public enterprise. A healthful and, it is to be hoped, a profitable discussion followed. Martin Emigh was appointed by resolution, to bring the matter before the O. B. K. A.

Mr. Ho'termann's paper on the selection of an apiary, was then read by the Secretary. point of interest most noticed and discussed being, first, a location within three or four miles of Such a locality gives a a large body of water. greater length of honey flow owing to the influence of the water. Second, that a position in a hilly country was very desirable, as the honey seasons were influenced materially by such localities; and third, an apiary situated in a place where there are equal porportions of cultivated and uncultivated lands affected the honey crop very materially. The paper gave some good advice on permanency of location. The writer had known instances in which hee men had to sell at a sacrifice owing to bee pastures becoming valueless. So had members of Oxford Association.

An epistolary letter to the Association from Mr. A. Pringle on the foul brood subject, point-

ed out the position the Canadian bee-keeped are in as regards the prevalence of the disease, and the determinedness with which we are escaped are in as regards the prevalence of the disease, and the determinedness with which we are escaped and. The letter was calculated to stimulate to greater energy in this direction, as is shown by a unanimous resolutions that the delegates of this Association bring the matter of legislation re imported bees and queens before the U.B. K. A. J.B. Hall and J.E. Frith were appointed delegates to the Provincial Association.

Mr. McEvoy, Foul Brood Inspector, then gave us an interesting and, in respect to the prevalence of foul brood, and astonishing account of his work the past season. Every one present felt that we are fortunate in having the present law. "It ought to have been so ten years ago," being a common and oft repeated expression. Mr. McEvoy's practical answers to many questions at the close of his address, were highly appreciated by the bee-keepers.

A vote of thanks to the contributors closed one of the most interesting and profitable meetings held by this association.

The statistical report of the Association shows that there are in winter quarters 1,037 colonies, 7,520 lbs. of comb honey, and 25,150 lbs. of extracted honey was taken taken this season. Foul brood was reported from three localities.

J. E. Frith, Sec.

Princeton. Ont., Dec. 19, '90.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Model Report.

EAR SIR,—Bees are in their winter quarters, therefore it may not be amiss for me to send you a report of what the season has been, and how they have done. You, and many of your readers will probably say that it is my passion for inkslinging that makes me give a report at all, since I cannot give a better one: but I believe a person should be just as ready to report a partial failure in a poor seasos. as he would a success in a good one, as if only the bright side is given, reports would mislead, instead of giving information, and would fill the minds of the uninitiated with the idea, that beekeeping was all sunshine; and besides, before layiny down my pen, I may perhaps give some information that may help some other novice.

KERP FILLED COMBS FOR SPRING FEEDING.

So much for introduction, let me now come to business. I reported last spring that I was starting with 35 colonios, but after sending in my report, I had one queenless colony which I had to put in with another one so that 34 was