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hard on them. People in the towns
tell me it is very hard to get honey
to buy and I have not seen any ex-
posed for sale in the stores, although I
have seen an abundance of corn
syrup. There is evidently no danger
yet for a while in flooding the home
honey market.

Macdonald College

But now about Macdonald College.
It is a wonderful institution! It must
have taken a good many smokes to
build it, and it is comforting to think
the money has been put to such a good
purpose. My ideas of an agricultural
college had been formed by Guelph
and the Michigan Agricultural College.
Now these institutions have grown up
slowly. New buildings have been added
as they were needed and consequently,
they are of all sorts and conditions,
and in various states of preservation.
Macdonald was all planned at once.
There is complete uniformity through-
out and everything is of the best. As
an educational committee which visited
it from the old land said: "If it had
not been private capital which built
it it would have been a sin to spend
so much money." But the result is
truly goodly to look upon, and one
feels a tremendous satisfaction in being
in a place where everything is so good
all the way through.

After its wonderful equipment, the
next distinguishing feature of the place
is the huge dining room where men
and women eat together. I rather sur-
mise that this is an unofficial course
in manners, and the result, I am sure,
must be to send out a much more fin-
ished product than could otherwise be
secured. They tell me that not many
marriages have resulted so far from
this mingling of the sexes. Neverthe-
less, the older heads in the institution
find a great amount of interest in keep-
ing track of the "steadys" each
year.

Macdonald has been given a won-

derful start. In spite of this there
will doubtless be hard places ahead.
It is but a young institution, and it
has yet to determine very argely what
place it will play in Canadian national
life. There are however, many earn-
est men and women working together
and we cannot doubt that they will
make the college count for the best.

Macdonald Bee Club

But there is one thing at least in
which our O.A.C. has the advantage
over Macdonald. We have a course in
apiculture and they have none there.
But in its place they have a good live
bee club, and a number of students in-
terested in bee-keeping, so there is lit-
tle doubt that this work will soon be
added to the curriculum. Mr. Durost,
one of the horticulture men, is the en-
thusiastic president of the club, and
Mrs. James, the librarian is the no
less enthusiastic secretary. For the
meeting which I addressed they com-
bined the work of the club and that
of the short course. Mr. Pettit was
there also to give a talk on the honey
bee and the commercial possibilities
of honey production. There was a good
turn-out, many of the staff being pre-
sent, and the interest shown quite
swept the Ontario speakers off their
feet. A rapid fire of questions was
sent in from all sides, and although
many of them displayed a great lack
of knowledge they certainly promised
well for the future of bee-keeping
among some at least, of the students
of Macdonald. One of the short course
men asked me how he could keep
the combs in the super from being
built down to the brood chamber
combs. A few questions elicited the
fact that his methods of bee-keeping
were somewhat primitive, and the
speaker was unwise enough to remark
on this. He squared things later, how-
ever, when the question of feeding came
up, as then I had to admit that my
methods of feeding were somewhat