

Annual Meetings.

BRANT COUNTY BEE KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

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The annual meeting of the Brant Bee-Keepers' Association was held in the Court House, Brantford, on Saturday afternoon, November the 6th, President James H. Shaver in the chair.

Election of officers resulted in the re-appointing of those of the past season, viz: J. H. Shaver, Cainsville, President; Alex. Taylor, Paris, Vice-President; C. Edminson, Brantford, Secretary-Treasurer.



Martin Emcigh, Treas., Holbrook, Ont.

After the preliminaries, reports of the season were heard from the members present showing short crops and small increase generally.

Messrs F. J. Davis and C. Edminson were appointed delegates to the O.B.K.A. meeting to be held in Toronto on December 5th, 6th and 7th, and Messrs Shaver,

Edminson and Craig, a committee to arrange for a meeting of the senate of Ontario bee-keepers to be held in Brantford early in February next.



J. K. Darling, Director and Representative at Ottawa Exhibition, Almonte, Ont.

Questions and lively discussions on a variety of subjects followed, making the meeting one of the most interesting and helpful ever held in connection with the association.

The first was on, "how large an entrance should be given to colonies when wintering out of doors?"

W. J. Craig described the Alpaugh System, as adopted in the G. S. & M. Co's bee yards, where the bees are packed, four hives in a case, two side by side in pairs, entrance of each pair facing in opposite directions. The outer case has an opening three inches square opposite the entrance of each hive, the space between is bridged 3x1½ inches, the balance of the entrance to the hive is closed by the packing of dry forest leaves. Before the packing is filled in, a piece of cardboard with a notch one half inch square is placed between the bridge and the front of the hive, and far enough down to be reached under the bridge by a knife.

When cold weather sets in the cardboard is drawn down leaving the entrance only half an inch.