

venient mode of subduing a troublesome mob—whether of bees or men—than the use of a good stream of water. Let him get the pump in good working order at once, and the next time his bees kick up a fuss, he will find that the turning upon them of a good stream of water, either by means of an ordinary force pump or garden hose, will quickly bring them to their senses, and give them something else to worry about except robbing their neighbors. "Keep it as a souvenir," indeed. He can give it that character in the fervid imagination of the bees without much trouble.

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We have the report elsewhere, of Mr. Kitchin, Secretary of the Lambton Beekeepers' Association, and regret to observe that the meeting at Sarnia was not as interesting or enthusiastic as usual. We are not at all surprised at it, however, in view of the fact that just about the time of the meeting the weather we were experiencing was quite as unseasonable, as gloomy and uncomfortable generally, as we have ever yet experienced. The probability is, too, that a good deal of anxiety was being felt by beekeepers generally—and especially by those having extensive apiaries and large numbers of colonies on hand—as to what the outcome might be.

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We should like to get a correct account of the importation of honey into the United Kingdom from all parts. We observe by reference to the JOURNAL that Canada's export in 1887 was the smallest of any but one, that of Australia, which was only three hundred and thirty cwts., ours being four hundred and twenty-six cwts.; at the same time the export from the United States to the United Kingdom was four thousand and a half cwts., over ten times as much as ours. This is not what it

ought to be; and we should strive to make a better showing than that. Our brethren across the line have all they can do to hold their own with us, ratably, in other respects. Let us show them that we can give them something to do in this line as well.

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We trust our readers will continue to send us their experiences of the season that has closed, and as to how matters stand with them just now, what the prospects are, and what the bees are doing. Come, gentlemen, send along your manuscripts. Only write them out plainly and legibly, and we'll attend to getting them in good shape for you. You will all benefit by these communications; and the probability is that what you are endeavoring to find out is the very thing your neighbor is anxious to tell you.

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The Lambton beekeepers met in the town of Sarnia on May 19th. Although the attendance was better than usual, there appeared to be a great lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of the meeting. What the cause of it was would be difficult to say.

The early part of the meeting was occupied by routine business, and the after part in the discussion of questions in connection with the beekeeping industry. Mr. W. Mowbray of Sarnia read a paper on "Wintering Bees, and some of the Troubles connected therewith."

The Association had the pleasure of receiving such experienced and well known beekeepers as W. G. Hutchinson of the Review, and F. A. Gemmill, President of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association.

The next meeting will be held in the town of Brigden on the 25th. Oct. next.

J. R. KITCHIN, Secretary.