

# The Practical Bee-Keeper.

NEW SERIES  
VOL. II.

TILBURY, ONT., JANUARY, 1895.

No. 1.

## Lambton Bee-Keepers.

The annual meeting of the Lambton Bee-keepers Association was held in the village of Wyoming, on Saturday, the 24th ult. There was a large number present, some of whom drove a considerable distance. The President, Mr. Mowbray, occupied the chair in his usual able manner. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, and the Sec'y-treas presented his report, a ter which Messrs. C. Boyd and W. Granger were appointed auditors, who found the books correct. The election of officers and directors for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:— President, W. Mowbray, Sarnia; Vice-President, C. Boyd, Petrolea; Sec'y-Treas. J. R. Kitchen, Weidmann; Directors, E. A. Jones and Geo. Forbis, Kertch; W. Granger, Wyoming, John Armstrong, Wansted. The President gave an address on "Bee keeping of the Past and Present." He showed that years ago the expense of the apiarist in securing a crop was less than at the present time and that prices for honey was better. He also spoke of associational gatherings and how to keep up an interest. The President wished to know the condition of the members bees at the present time. "The reason," he says, "I ask this question is that my own bees are weak in numbers and are principally old bees, all on account of the short honey crop which I am afraid

will bring mortality to many a bee yard." Some of the members bees were in the same condition, while others were not, the condition of them varying according to locality. The President stated that had he attended to the little creatures as he should he could have remedied the existing condition or affairs. A member: "How would you have remedied it?" "By feeding earlier in the fall which would have stimulated brood rearing and then have plenty of young bees to go into winter."

The question was asked: "Has anyone tried the Wells' system of producing comb honey?" Mr. Jones said that he had been trying some new experiments and that some of his neighboring bee men had been laughing at him, but it was by experimenting that the industry advanced. During the past summer he had placed four separate hives in one case with one tier of sections above and queen excluding zinc between. The bees from the different queens then freely mixed together in the one case of sections, but, as he stated, one poor season was not enough to test its merits or demerits. It was decided to discontinue the Bee Keepers Review as a premium to the members, and the secretary was accordingly authorized to notify the editor of the same. The next meeting will be held in the town of Petrolea, on the second Saturday in May next.

J. R. KITCHEN, Secy-Treas.