

twenty one lb. sections form nice saleable cases, but each case should be graded in filling so that the color will not vary, and the sections should be completely filled so that the difference in weight will be so trifling as not to be noticed. A careful observance of the above hints will create a reputation, and keep it too, and the difference in price that will be made between illy assorted packages and those that are carefully and tastily put up, will pay a big per cent. over the extra time, labor and expense used in so doing. Honey will always sell, of this there can be no doubt; to sell at the best prices demands only the same care and attention demanded by other commodities, and who is there that will not use that care if a profit will result.

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#### Mount Forest Bee-Keepers.

**M**OUNT Forest Bee-keepers' convention called to order by Wm. Fraser. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Chairman gave in his report of season—successful so far. He said he had no reason to complain. He had put bees in cellar in fair shape last fall and took them out fair, but they had dwindled and swarmed out until his stock was reduced considerably; reason assigned for dwindling, too many old bees and too few young ones going into winter quarters, and then the unfavorable spring. Spring management—closed bees on as few frames as possible; covered frames with paper and quilt, then let them alone, and still they dwindled until the record stands thus last fall 50, this spring 49, now 31.

Albert Fyfe Harriston reported 107-102, dwindled badly, treats his bees in spring much the same as Mr. Fraser; believes a shortage of stores has caused a great deal of dwindling in spring. Question: Does paper answer better than cloth to keep in heat? Answer: (Mr. Duncan) I believe we should so completely close tops of hives as to prevent any upper draught; have used oilcloths for quilts and consider them the best.

Peter Donaldson (Drew): I have only two colonies. Had a swarm on Sunday, the 10th June. Wintered in the Thomas hive. [Here the discussion changed a little, some members giving their preferences for hives, but opinions differ. Mr. Fyfe exhibited one of his own make, a two-storey frame hive about 8 by 15, end entrance, loose bottom board, flat or nearly so in the roof.]

Thomas Skales (town) had two colonies last fall packed in sawdust, clamp. Wintered well

in Jones S. W. hive. Is making a chaff hive for wintering.

J. H. Davison reported 29-17-14; have lost none from dwindling. Have sold some and united some queenless stocks. Bees now in good order. Use Jones S. W. Porous Palace and Combination hives. Wintered in cellar with chimney ventilation from bottom of cellar. Temperature, highest 40°, lowest 35°. Lost from starvation.

Godfrey (Mt. Forest): 8-6, in good order. Expect swarms any day the weather will allow.

Mr. Niven having arrived and taken the chair as president, says he does not approve of swarming stocks on full sheets of fdn. or combs as they are liable to crowd the queen out with honey. Have used starters. Wires his frames and puts in narrow strips of foundation. My bees build nice straight combs in this way.

Coutts (Egerton P.O.): 26-25-17. Wintered in clamps. Accounts for loss by lack of stores and young bees; taken out of clamps in middle of April had some dysentery in two colonies.

President Niven, 79-75-44. Put bees on summer stands on 26th and 27th April. On following Saturday had a number swarm out and light in a body on another hive. Put a number of top storeys on the cluster of bees and let them run in, then distributed as best I could. Believe I could have saved a number now dead if I had kept over some full cards of honey. Had some dysentery; attributes it too high temperature in first of season. Kept bees in cellar tiered up five tiers deep; cellar very dry, so much so the roots wither. The bottom tiers of hives were the first to be affected by dysentery. Some hives consumed 20 lbs. stores. Lowered the temperature and checked dysentery.

Mr. Fyfe had some trouble with dysentery. Temperature, 48 to 38. Thinks 45 or 46 will be best for bees, as they consume too much honey at a higher temperature.

The president suggested the propriety of affiliating ourselves with the O.B.K.A. and share the advantages to be gained by such affiliation. A few signified their willingness to join the O. B. K. A., but owing to the small attendance it was concluded by motion of Messrs. Davison and Fraser that Messrs. Fyfe, Niven and the mover be a committee to secure subscriptions for local and Provincial associations.

On motion, the thanks of the meeting were tendered through the secretary to the town council for use of hall.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

J. H. DAVISON, Secretary.