

"How Doth the Little Busy Bee."

MEETING OF THE PERTH CO. BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION.

THE Perth Co. Bee-keepers' Association met in the Council Chamber, in Stratford, on the 18th Dec. The attendance was fair. Officers were re-elected for the coming year as follows:—President, F. A. Gemmill; Vice-President, John Myers; Sec'y and Treasurer, A. Johnston.

After some preliminary business, a discussion took place regarding apicultural journalism, in which Mr. J. E. Frith, of Princeton, sec'y of the Oxford Co. Association stated from what information he could gather there were in the neighborhood of seventy-five thousand bee-keepers in Ontario, owning from one to two, up to two or three hundred colonies each, and he thought a journal devoted exclusively to the interests of bee-keepers, independent of the supply trade, would be a good thing if it could be carried out. He, however, did not wish it to be understood he was finding fault with any such publication, even when issued by a private concern, but as the industry had now assumed large proportions, bee-keepers generally were desirous of all the benefits that might accrue from such a publication. It was moved by Mr. Chalmers, of Poole, and seconded by Mr. Worden, of St. Pauls, that this Association unanimously feel and desire that improvements be made in the matter of Canadian bee journalism, and that Mr. F. A. Gemmill, the district director, bring the matter before the Ontario Association, to be held at St. Catharines on the 7th and 8th Jan'y, 1891. Mr. Wm. McEvoy, the Foul Brood Inspector, then delivered an interesting lecture on the disease, which was very instructive, and stated he was fully aware there was quite a diversity of opinion as to its cause and origin, but so far as he was concerned it was settled years ago that the "decomposition of uncared-for larvae was the real and only cause of foul brood," and that time would bear him out in this statement. He also very strongly urged in no instance should dead brood of any kind whatever be allowed to remain in any hive, and regretted that unscrupulous individuals had, prior to the passing of the Act, sold colonies containing the disease, but was now glad such work could no longer go on, as legislation had been secured and no better law existed in any land than we now possess,—in fact, the only fault that could be found being that it was not in force 10 years ago, as had it been so, the industry would have been on a much sounder basis to-day. After giving some information as to

the extent of its ravages, he stated, in all two-hundred apiaries had been visited, including three cities and nineteen counties, and 150 of these contained the disease to a greater or less extent, and he did not believe there was a County in the Province that was free from the scourge. It was then moved by Mr. D. Chalmers, of Poole, and seconded by Mr. John Myers, of Stratford, that a vote of confidence in Mr. McEvoy's ability as Inspector be tendered him.

Mr. Gemmill then broached the subject of quarantine, and while expressing himself greatly pleased with what has lately and is still being done, he thought it might be a matter of regret in the near future if no restriction were placed on the wholesale purchasing of bees from other countries, without some guarantee that they were free from disease. It was therefore suggested that should it be found necessary to amend the present Bill a clause be inserted regarding this most important matter, as from information received of late, it is becoming quite a common practice for bee-keepers to destroy all their bees in the fall, instead of wintering them over, and purchasing anew from the Southern States the following spring. In concluding, he concurred in the idea that it was a good thing to fight the disease at home, but it would be of little avail if it was imported, as he was assured such had been the case, not only in full colonies but in purchasing bees by the pound.

After some suggestions as how to best apply the affiliation funds granted by the Ontario Association, it was resolved to secure the services of Mr. Frith to deliver a lecture at a special meeting of this Association to be held some time in February, on Foul Brood, and the relation bees bear towards securing an abundant fruit crop; also the danger of spraying fruit trees with Paris green at an improper time, a similar lecture to be delivered before a meeting of the Farmers' Institute to be held in St. Mary's on the 6th of January next.

Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association.

THE annual meeting of the Haldimand Bee-Keepers Association was held in the Town Hall, Cayuga, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, 1891.

Present.—Frank Rose, President, and James Armstrong, Wm. Kindree, Robt. Coverdale, Alex. Stewart, Israel Overholt, M. Schisler, Isaac G. Wismer, John H. Best, John Booker, James Booker, Joseph D. Rutherford, W. Kindroe, Owen Fathers, Jr., and the Secretary,