

than 1888. The total membership of six of these (one not having reported) is one hundred and twenty six, of which thirty nine are also members of the O. B. K. A.

The Treasurer's report will show the association to be in excellent financial standing, there being in hand a balance of \$299 with no liabilities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

We have received from the secretary the reports as sent in by the affiliated Societies from which we take the following condensed report:

The seven societies in affiliation are:

Middlesex—W. J. Wilson, Pres., A. W. Humphries, Sec., Parkhill; Bruce, Jno. Harkley, Pres., D. McKay, Sec., Walkerton; Oxford, Wm Goodger, Pres., Jas. E. Frith, Sec., Princeton; Brant, J. R. Howell, Pres., D. Anguish, Sec., Brantford; Norfolk, J. P. Ryder, Pres., C. W. Culver, Simcoe; Western Ontario (Essex and Kent) Geo. Morris, Pres., G. C. Scott, Sec., Chatham; Haldimand, ——— E. C. Campbell, Sec., Cayuga.

The following are the particulars reported regarding each association.

MIDDLESEX.

Members 37; colonies spring count 1260; colonies fall count 2070; comb honey taken 8530 lbs., extracted honey taken 64,895 lbs.; \$24.00 of the grant from O. B. K. A. given in prizes at three local fairs.

BRUCE.

Members 20; colonies spring count 250; colonies fall count 440; comb honey taken 1290 lbs., extracted honey taken 14,045 lbs.; \$25.90 of the grant from O. B. K. A. given in prizes at the Walkerton Exhibition.

OXFORD.

Members 10; colonies spring count 447; colonies fall count 591; comb honey taken 3900 lbs., extracted honey taken 9115 lbs.; \$50.00 (\$20 being from last years grant) of the grant from O. B. K. A. given in prizes at Woodstock fair, 120 colonies destroyed to get rid of foul brood.

BRANT.

Members 18; colonies spring count 1,432; colonies fall count 803; comb honey taken 6850 lbs., extracted honey taken 14,075 lbs.; \$32.95 grant from O. B. K. A. given in prizes at Brantford and Hatchley fairs.

NORFOLK.

Members 24; colonies spring count 1,272; colonies fall count 578; comb honey taken 12,905 lbs., extracted honey taken 11,250 lbs.; No report as to way grant has been expended, one lecture given by Rev. W. F. Clarke, Guelph.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Members 17; no report as to colonies or honey; \$12 of grant divided among four local fairs; balance spent in advertising and printing.

HALDIMAND.

No report forthcoming; the Secretary of the O. B. K. A. was instructed to ascertain the reason.

RECAPITULATION.

Total members (6 reporting) 126; Total colonies spring count (5 reporting) 2661; Total colonies fall count (5 reporting) 4482; Total comb honey taken (5 reporting) 23,475 lbs.; Total extracted honey taken (5 reporting) 113,380 lbs.; counting the 23,475 lbs. of comb honey as equal to 46,950 lbs. of extracted, the total average of extracted honey is 60½ lbs. per colony spring count; average increase 68½ per cent on spring count.

Of the 126 members belonging to the six affiliated societies reporting, 39 are also members of the O. B. K. A. leaving a balance of 87, which added to the regular membership of the O. B. K. A. (162) makes the total membership of the O. B. K. A. 249, directly and indirectly.

After the President's address (given in the last issue of the JOURNAL) came an excellent paper by Mr. F. A. Gemmell, of Stratford, on the

Production of Comb Honey.

In preparing an article on the production of comb honey I certainly feel my inability to do full justice to this interesting part of apiculture, I trust therefore you will overlook any apparent attempt on my part at posing as an authority on the same; especially as this essay is intended for the amateur, rather than the expert.

I may as well state right here that much of my information has been received from the perusal of the various bee periodicals, the attendance at conventions, and from conversation with friendly bee keepers, all of which is of great benefit to those engaged in the production of honey in any shape whatever. I wish, too, while on the subject of conventions to mention that I never yet attended one, but that I was more than repaid in dollars and cents, aside from the pleasure afforded at meeting other bee keepers.

While much depends on the style of hive used, still too much stress can be laid upon this point, as more actually depends on the character and duration of the honey flow, the mode or system carried on by the operator, and his love for producing this particular kind of nature's sweets, in the best marketable shape. All hives and supers should however be of the