

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BEE KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association took place at the council chambers Jan'y, 9, 10 and 11, 1894 at Lindsay Ont.

The next place of meeting will be Stratford Ont.

The election of officers took place as follows:

President—Abner Pickett, Nassagaweya.

Vice President—R. F. Holtermann, Brantford.

Secretary—S. Corneil, Lindsay.

Treasurer—Martin Emeigh, Holbrooke.

Auditors—S. T. Pettit, Belmont; Jacob Alpaugh, St. Thomas.

Foul Brood Inspectors—Wm. McEvoy, Woodburn; F. A. Gemmell, Stratford.

DIRECTORS.

District No.	1—W. J. Brown, Chard.
"	2—J. K. Darling, Almonte.
"	3—M. B. Holmes, Athens.
"	4—Allen Pringle, Selby.
"	5—S. Corneil, Lindsay.
"	6—Wm. Couse, Streetsville.
"	7—D. Chalmers, Poole.
"	8—F. A. Rose, Balmoral.
"	9—J. B. Hall, Woodstock.
"	10—R. McKnight, Owen Sound.
"	11—John Myers, Stratford.
"	12—E. A. Jones, Kertch.
"	13—R. H. Smith, Bracebridge.

Committee on Legislation—S. T. Pettit, J. E. Frith, J. K. Darling.

Committee on Railroad freight rates—Allen Pringle, R. McKnight, R. F. Holtermann, F. A. Gemmell.

Committee on Annual Report Revision—Abner Pickett, R. F. Holtermann, S. Corneil.

The auditors report showed as follows and was received and recorded.

Abstract statement of receipts and expenditures of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association to January 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from previous year.....	\$ 2 02
Legislative grant	500 00
Affiliated Society, 1893....	65 00
Membership fees 1893.....	193 00
Membership fees, 1894.....	16 00
Affiliated fees, 1894.....	15 00
	\$ 791 02

EXPENDITURE

Grant to affiliated societies	\$200 00
Grant to Industrial	25 00
Grant to Western	10 00
Secretary's salary	50 00
Treasurer's salary	25 00
Auditors, \$2 each.....	4 00
Directors' railroad expenses and allowance for board	196 10
Periodicals for members, (partially paid)	75 00
Printing for 1892.....	24 22
Expenses of committee, re so-called "sugar honey" legislation	80 76
Expenses of representative to Toronto exhibition, re prize list	5 60
Letter press and book.....	10 15
Treasurer's expenses.....	12 75
Miscellaneous.....	26 40
	\$ 744 98
Balance on hand	46 04
	\$ 791 02

(Signed) R. F. WHITESIDE
R. F. HOLTERMANN

Auditors.

The president F. A. Gemmell then delivered his annual address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Another year having passed since I made my first address before this Association, I am pleased to have the privilege of attempting a second one, hoping that all will kindly treat it with as much leniency as was done my former one. Possibly, however, you may think the excuse then given for its defects ought not to hold good on this occasion, as by experience one is expected to improve. Be this as it may, I nevertheless intend taking refuge behind the fact that as the programme arranged for this convention is an exceedingly long and interesting one, I am compelled to seek and adopt the motto that "brevity is the soul of wit."

With this as preface I suppose that I cannot do better than to state that, while the past season was not what we as Bee-Keepers would have desired, still it might have been worse; as on account of the very severe winter, causing a great mortality among the insects, as also another very backward spring, the laborers were not as numerous when the clover commenced to yield as we should have liked them to be. Yet for all it was a great treat, notwithstanding the scanty and in some localities the entire absence of any flow from linden or thistles, that the abundant yielding qualities of our favorite white