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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The O.B.K.A. executive are making early preparation for the annual convention. The committee met in London on May 4th. Secretary Couse promises a comfortable and commodious meeting place, and the following among the good things appear on the program: "Spring Management," by Mr. James Storer, Lindsay; "Fall Management," by Mr. Denis Nolan, Newton Robinson; "Wintering Repositories," by Mr. Wm. Couse, Streetsville; "Bee-keeping as an Occupation for Women," by Miss M. Trevorrow, Meadowvale; "The Production of Comb Honey," by Hr. W. H. Bowen, Niagara Falls; "How Many Colonies May be Profitable, Kept in One Locality," by George E. Saunders, Hornby; paper on selected subject, by Mr. Alpine MacGregor, Inglewood; addresses by Hon. Nelson Montieth, Minister of Agriculture; American guests and others. Discussion on apiary appliances, introducing queens, marketing of honey, etc. The convention will be held in Toronto on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week of Fruit, Honey and Vegetable Show; probably the second week in November.

We had the pleasure of attending the Middlesex County Association meeting in London on May 5th last. There was a fair representation of members and a number of visitors, among the latter Mr. H. G. Sibbald, Claude, Ont., President of the O. B. K. A., and Mr. Wm.

Couse, Streetsville, Secretary O.B.K.A.

Reports on wintering showed considerable loss among cellar-wintered bees. Those packed outdoors came through in good condition generally.

Mr. Alexander's system of helping weak colonies by placing them over strong ones, with a queen-excluder between, came up in discussion, and was favorably spoken of by a few who had tried it. Some instances of one of the queens being killed was attributed to the possibility of the queens attacking one another through the openings of the queen-excluder. Mr. Bainard, Secretary of the Association, advises the use of two queen-excluders, with a bee-space between, to prevent this. When the colonies are separated again the strong colony is removed to a new stand and the weak one set in its place, thus giving the weaker the benefit of the field bees from the strong hive. The plan should be an excellent one, if it works out as proposed. The two queens are laying at the same time, and the weaker colony derives the benefit of the warmth and bees from the stronger and builds up rapidly.

The Association expressed their approval of the amended Foul Brood Act.



The revised Apicultural and Arts Act may probably necessitate some changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association.

The Act provides that the membership fee of each Association shall be decided by by-law.

The constitution and by-laws and any alterations therein must be approved by the Minister of Agriculture.

The number of directors, their representation of certain districts or classes of members and their mode of selection shall be determined by by-law.

The Minister may appoint auditors.

Members who have paid up for the ensuing year can vote at the annual meeting, but the Association may de-

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