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this seriously interfered with the work. At Warsaw, however, we found considerable interest in bee-keeping, and I was asked to take it for my evening subject. At Warsaw they have a good live Woman's Institute, and as a result the women are alive to every opportunity, and, consequently, a number of them are thinking of keeping bees. We may hear from some of them yet in this department.

At the time of writing—March 20—my bees are still covered with snow, so that I cannot tell how they have wintered. I have had reports, however, from a number of bee-keepers in the neighborhood, and they seem to think their bees have wintered well. This is the time at which we grow anxious for a peep into the hives to see if conditions are satisfactory.

THE WINTER DISTRICT CON- VENTION

Did you attend the Winter District Convention held in London? If not, you missed a treat—a real treat in the way of conventions. And yet we never once discussed foul brood and the old controversy of Italians versus blacks did not even raise its head. Bro. Anguish, as chairman of the program committee, was indefatigable in his efforts, and is to be heartily congratulated on their success. Of course, Mr. Pettit was there; Middlesex bee-keepers feel that they have a special claim on the Provincial Apiarist, as he is an old member of the Association. Then there was Mr. Tyrrell of the Bee-keepers' Review," with his concise and pointed practical suggestions; Mr. John Clark of Cainsville, who stopped off the "Better Farming Special" to tell us how fruit, bees and poultry could be successfully combined; Mr. Orel Hersher, of Buffalo, whom visitors at the O.B.K. convention all remember as a man full of good practical suggestions; and a host of lesser lights, who are making good in the bee-keeping world.

The president, Mr. Robt. Wallace, after extending a welcome to the visiting bee-keepers, spoke of the great good that could be done by the Winter District Convention moving about. The

Ontario Convention, for many reasons, seems tied to Toronto, and so is out of the reach of many of the smaller bee-keepers. The District Convention is held at a time of the year when bee-keepers are practically free, and could be used with great advantage to work up enthusiasm in outlying districts. In concluding, the president made a jocular reference to reciprocity, saying that it was a good thing it had been defeated, otherwise our American friends would be afraid to come here and give us pointers lest we take their market from them.

Mr. Clark was the first speaker, having for his subject, "Fruit, Bees and Poultry." As this is a seasonable one, and the speaker a man who has made a success of the combination, I will endeavor to give you at least the main points. Nearly every bee-keeper has a few hens and some fruit trees, and it is worth while considering how to get the most out of them. Just here, the C.B.J. for March came to hand containing a report of the address given by Mr. Clark at Guelph to the Short Course, so I will have to cut down my notes to avoid repetition. I was specially interested in this address, having been out on Institute work a few days previously with Mr. C. Stuart of Dalmeny, who also has made quite a success of the combination of bees and poultry, together with a few other lines added to make variety. However, the latter goes in for the production of eggs and table fowl, rather than for fancy stock, and this will probably make a wider appeal to the majority of bee-keepers. Fancy stock requires too much specializing for the average successful bee-keeper to give his time to. However, of this, more anon. To come back to Mr. Clark, as stated in last month's Journal, he combines fruit, bees and poultry on a 25-acre farm. He does not go in much for the small fruits, as they come in at a time when the bees require attention, but confines himself mainly to apples, which can be attended to mostly in the spring and fall, while the orchard provides an ideal run for the hens. Then, too, the poultry require most attention night and morning, when you cannot work with the bees. "Large profits mean much thinking and planning to have things dovetail," said Mr. Clark, and is not this one of the secrets of success in any line?

Mr. Clark is a warm advocate of the