

Don't you see it in that light friends? The general result has been made public, and that is really all the public have any right to expect.

North Middlesex Bee-keepers' Association.

The North Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association held its 4th annual convention in the Town Hall, Parkhill, on Thursday afternoon and evening, March 31st. The first session opened at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Frank Atkinson, of Ailsa Craig, President, in the chair. There were seventy-five members of the Association, besides many others, present. The President opened the meeting with the following address:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and gentlemen, and brother bee-keepers: It gives me great pleasure to preside at this our 4th annual meeting to greet you all on behalf of the North Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association, and to tender thanks to his worship, the Mayor, and town council for the use of the Town Hall to hold our past and present meetings in. I am proud to say we are a branch of industry so highly represented at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, held at London (Eng.) last year, that the Province of Ontario has won the first honors of the whole world in producing the best quality, and best flavored honey. And now as the grand shield has been awarded to Canada's flowery fields to which it so rightly belongs, it behooves every bee-keeper of our land to hold that which has just been won and strive to produce a first class article of food to the rich and poor working man of every land, in a good marketable shape, and selected from our best honey producing plants, and labeled say for example, "Wm. O'Neil, a member of the North Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association." You all know that our own local markets could be glutted with the first honey flow, and at a ruinous price to all producers. It will be best for us all to be ready to select for sale our best honey as we receive it, and keep our poorer grades for other purposes, such as fruit canning, and nice cool summer drinks for every Scott Act county in the Dominion. I can assure you it can

be done at a small price, and not injure any one's health. There are a great many purposes for which honey can be used to good advantage by every householder; and it will be for the honey producers to supply their customers with free recipes and samples of honey, and, Mr. Secretary, to bring my address to a close, I will thank you to read the minutes of our last meeting, also accounts and communications.

The Secretary, Mr. A. W. Humphries, of Parkhill, read the minutes of last session, which were confirmed, and also letters from Messrs. Jones, and Root, and other prominent bee-men who were expected to take part in the convention, expressing sympathy with the aims and objects of the Association, and expressing regret at their inability to be present.

After routine business, the election of officers for the next ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, Frank Atkinson, Ailsa Craig; Vice President, J. B. Aches; Secretary, A. W. Humphries. Directors in addition to officers, B. Gott, Arkona; W. Coleman, Devizes; H. Phippen, Parkhill; D. Stewart, Nairn.

Mr. B. Gott was introduced by the President, and read the following paper:

BEE-KEEPING AND FRUIT.

The advantages of association and concerted action in the line of any given industry, are very great and very conspicuous. It is therefore fit and proper that all the representatives of this industry, and those interested in it, should so associate for mutual assistance and mutual advancement. I therefore congratulate you upon the formation and existence of

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whose object and aim is exclusively to develop to its fullest extent every idea relating to bee culture or bee farming, as you may be pleased to call it, and the production of honey. Here I cannot but be forcibly impressed by the rapid advancement lately made in the interests of the industry in all its details. Although formerly considerable of an expert in the handling of bees as they were managed 15 or 20 years ago, but not having kept up with the recent studies made, I must now shamefully acknow-