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ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLES IN STRATFORD.

The Foul Brood Disease.

The Inspector Appointed by the Provincial Government Reports the Disease on the Decrease—Some Valuable Pointers From Prominent Bee-Keepers.

The annual convention of the Ontario Bee-keepers Association opened in the city hall Stratford Jan. 22, President A. Pickett of Nassagaweya in the chair. There were present L. F. Holterman, Vice President, Brantford; Wm. Couse, Secretary, Streetsville; Wm. McEvoy, Woodstock; Allan Pringle, Selby; R. McKnight, Owen Sound; W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich.; S. T. Pettit, Belwood; J. K. Darling, Almonte; J. E. Frith, Princeton; Prof. Fletcher, Ottawa; D. S. Smith, St. Thomas; John Meyers and F. A. Gemmill, Stratford; D. Chalmers Poole, Wm. Goodyear, J. B. Hall and John Newton, Woodstock; A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton; Dr. Duncan, Embro; J. H. Shaver and C. Edmonson, Brantford; A. Tolton, Walkerton; C. A. Onellette, Tilbury Centre; A. W. Brown, Chard, A. E. Hoshuall, Beamsville; J. Pierie Drumquin, F. A. Rosa, Balmoral; M. B. Holmes Athens; Sam Smith, Listowel.

The president in a short address reviewed the work of the past year from the bee keepers' standpoint and which

upon the whole had been rather discouraging. The bees wintered well and came out in spring with few losses, but the cold and wet weather following drove them back to their hives and compelled them to live on their winter stores with the result that they were exhausted before the weather became favorable for the gathering of a fresh supply and in consequence many died of starvation. The survivors gathered but little clover honey and other blooms being cut short by the drought, the result was little more than half a crop. He made feeling reference to the death of the late Secretary of the Association, Mr. S. Cornell. He was pleased to notice that their annual meetings were increasing in attendance and also that the Provincial Government had taken an active interest in promoting the honey-making industry by appointing a foul-brood inspector and in other ways. He hoped that in the near future assistance financially for the association would be forthcoming from the same quarter.

A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, contributed a paper on "Conventions and how to make them successful." He advocated that papers presented should deal with practical live questions such as would interest every bee man and evoke general exchange of opinions. Prof. Fletcher, of Ottawa, addressed the convention on the subject of spraying fruit trees in bloom and its bearing on bee culture. He also read a paper dealing with the same question by Prof. Webster, of Wooster, Ohio. The reader agreed with Prof. Webster that bees are in danger of being poisoned by spraying the bloom of fruit trees and that the danger remains until the bloom has fallen.

In the evening Wm. McEvoy, foul brood inspector, presented his annual report, showing that the disease was on the decrease and was now to be found more in the newer settled parts of the