

sary to get in more money from the fees. The general feeling among the members was as the membership of the provincial association was largely kept up by the local societies the grants to these ought to be increased, and also that the low fee which a good grant enables the society to give, greatly increases the circulation of the bee journals thus doing good educational work. A resolution was passed asking the Ontario Association for an increased grant and in the meantime the fees were raised for the present year to \$1.50.

The old question of inspectors was brought up. The old inspectors are feeling that the remuneration is not sufficient to warrant them leaving their apiaries when the work had to be done. This results in the work passing largely into the hands of students of the O. A. C., and the old bee-keepers thought it ought to be done by experienced men, or at any rate, that experienced men ought to be available, even if the beekeeper desiring inspection had to pay for the services himself. No action was taken with regard to the demonstration work to be done by the government, so leaving the department free to make such arrangements as they think best for the county.

ETHEL ROBSON, Secy.

Ilderton, Ont.

#### PREFERS THE SMALL HIVE

Our bees came through the winter in pretty good shape with a loss of about 4%. I have sold some this spring and am now down to 63 colonies. They are building up fast, and as soon as the weather gets a little warmer I shall put in supers. The weather has been rather wet and cold since the 12th of May. I winter out-doors in Chaff hives. The hives that get buried in snow drifts consume the least stores and always winter well. The large hives that we hear so much about—they may be all right. I have never tried the 12-frame hive, but have used some nine-frame hives, though I can't say that I found them any better than the eight frame hive. I also have ten frame hives. I use them for brood-nests only. However it was an eight frame Langstroth that carried off the prize in the production of extracted honey at Poplar last year.

WM. ROBINSON.

Poplar, Ont., May 22.

#### TORONTO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

##### Hold Their First Apiary Demonstration

The first Apiary Demonstration of the recently formed Toronto B. K. A. was held on Thursday May 23rd, in the beautiful grounds of Mrs. C. Johnstone, on the Humber Bay, a short distance from the city. The occasion was favored by bee-weather and the colonies exhibited their best party behavior. In spite of the fact that there were a number of counter attraction in the city and neighborhood on the day of the demonstration, some forty bee-keepers attended, and were charmingly and hospitably received by their hostess. The location of the apiary is ideal, being situated in a little ravine not far from the house. The position is thus sheltered from the winds that blow from over the water.

The demonstration was in the hands of Mr. Jarvis of the O. A. C. who confined his remarks principally to describing the internal arrangements of the hive. A large number of those attending were apparently novices, and consequently Mr. Jarvis' remarks proved very instructive and highly profitable to his audience, as did also his explanation of the Sibbald Wax Press and practical demonstration of its use.

After the demonstration was concluded, all repaired to the house and partook of a most enjoyable luncheon. The inner man satisfied, all repaired again to the lawn, where Mr. Temple photographed the assembly. The President then gathered his flock around him and in a few well-chosen words, welcomed members friends and guests alike, and called upon Mr. Roach, a bee-keeper of near 50 years to address them. This patriarch of bee-dom was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Jarvis related some experiences that proved how close a student he is of bee culture.

The Secretary moved, on behalf of the Association, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Johnstone for the use of her apiary, and her hospitality generally. This was seconded by Mr. Smith, and characteristically replied to by Mrs. Johnstone.

Taking all in all, the executive feel that the day was a great success and feel much much encouraged thereat.

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June, 1912

#### THE CAUSE OF THE

I have been waiting "beeology" for harvested and sold of honey. But I found out this spring what I ever met before. I kept a few hives but 40 per cent. And colonies 12 came on whilst nearly as much died since that day.

There are more y this question, and it myself, according have obtained by n tion. What is the C ing off in the Spring we fail to supply o field workers after harvest. Last fall there was no fall flow was no brood and no dicted what would and it has come to I think it one of t to let colonies go i with merely the old s and no young bees. others who have ha gard to fall feedin opinion in this matt cpinion in this matt

Bear Brook, Ont.

Took bees out April is fairly good condition suffering from short spring dwindling. very bright for the Perth County.

Dublin, Ontario.

Bees wintered unsu cellar as usual. On Others good. Set out prospect good.

North Bruce, April

#### REPORTS II

We are always glad readers. Drop us a p us a concise account ences.