

## \* The Apiary \*

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.



THE annual meeting of the above Association took place at Lindsay, Ont., January 9th, 10th and 11th, 1894. The Bee-keepers' Association consists of about 200 members, and last year of thirteen affiliated societies. The Association receives a grant of \$500 per annum. The membership fee is \$1 per annum. The funds are expended in salary of secretary and treasurer, expenses of directors and other officers, a grant for prizes to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition and the Western Fair, London; grants to thirteen affiliated societies, \$200. Then, during the year of 1893, each member received a copy of "The Canadian Bee Journal." The same holds good for 1894. Each member, as with The Fruit Growers' Association, is thus practically receiving a full return for his membership fee in this one item alone.

The balance of the funds are expended in necessary business expenses and expenditure in special direction as occasion may call for.

Reference has been made to affiliated societies, and a brief explanation in this connection will not be out of place. A County or District may organize an affiliated society of the Ontario by complying with the following regulation:— Each affiliated society must pay a fee of \$5.00 to the Ontario, and five of their members must also be members of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. In return, an affiliated society gets an annual money grant of a sum fixed by the Board of Directors of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. They also have the privilege of sending two delegates to the Ontario's annual meeting, who have the right to take part in all business as if they were paid members. The money granted to the affiliated society must be expended in certain directions considered to be the most useful plan, and this plan is indicated by the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. This plan tends to give a local interest throughout the Province in the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. For such a far-reaching work the Association finds it has hardly sufficient funds, and S. T. Pettit, Belmont, made a wise suggestion when he stated the work of the Association deserved greater support at the hands of the government.

The past annual meeting brought out some very valuable information. It is to be regretted that, like all other educative societies, those requiring information the most are those not present. The discussion on marketing honey came up, and one member suggested that, at the present price of honey, it was a food that could be purchased by the most economic; it had great nutritive qualities, and in many ways it was valuable. Bee-keepers were making a mistake in reducing the retail price; it would pay them better to allow a fair margin