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ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS.

THE first session was held at the City Hall, Toronto, on Thursday evening, Sept. 10th, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. We regret to say that the attendance was not as large as was desirable, owing in a measure to the fact that there were a number of counter-attractions the same evening, and principally, probably, to the facts that the Provincial Exhibition at London took quite a number of bee-keepers there, and that the date of meeting was not sufficiently advertised. To remedy this, however, it was decided to hold another session on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at the same time and place. It has been customary to hold these sessions during the second week of the Exhibition, and there is a chance that the meeting held next week will be considerably larger.

The writer not having been present the first evening, we have to extract our report from the *Globe*. We are sorry, however, that it is very imperfect.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was presented by Mr. Jacob Spence, the Secretary. It detailed the efforts made to secure statistics of bee-keeping, referred to the effect of the severe weather of the past winter, and advocated a scheme of affiliation by which local societies should be represented in this organization. He also read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$12.38. A scheme of affiliation was submitted, received, and laid on the table to be submitted at a later stage of the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS,

which was the next order of business, referred to the effects of the severe weather of last winter, and suggested some modes of protecting bees against cold. Reference was made to the great value of formic acid as a preservative of honey. He advocated the establishment of an

EXPERIMENTAL BEE FARM.

in which races of bees from foreign countries could be thoroughly tested. "After having the Asiatic races inflicted

upon us," he said, "we are now threatened with the Carniolan." He expressed the opinion that the Italian race should be maintained and cultivated as the best bee America has yet tested generally. He advocated the formation of a union among the Ontario bee-keepers, for the purpose of establishing a foreign market for the surplus product. He mentioned the Colonial and Indian Exhibition as affording an excellent opportunity for the display of Canadian products.

The President's remarks about the ASIATIC BEES

was discussed by Messrs. Jones, Hall, Clarke, and Corneil, the general opinion being that while the Asiatic races were desirable for honey regions further south, the Italian bee, with a dash of Syrian, was, on the whole, the best for Canada. A resolution was passed appointing a committee to wait on the Dominion Government to secure their co-operation and endeavor to make a creditable showing of Canadian honey at the

COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

A Business Committee, composed of Messrs. Corneil, Spence, Campbell, Morris and Clarke, was appointed.

The President was thanked for his address.

The question drawer was opened. The first question proposed was, "Is there any advantage in reversible frames?"

Messrs. Hall, Corneil, Jones, and Clarke discussed the question, their opinions on the whole being unfavorable to the use of reversible frames.

Another enquirer asked whether chilled brood was the same as foul brood or would produce it. Both questions were answered in the negative unanimously in the discussion which followed.

A piece of comb was exhibited and the question asked whether it was a case of foul brood. The answer was deferred so that the comb might be examined by daylight.

SECOND SESSION.

The attendance at this session was also very meagre. The President, Dr. Thom, in the chair. After some routine business, the subject of

WINTERING

was taken up.

Mr. S. Webster, near Toronto gave his experience.