

the Province where foul brood once raged so badly, and I have had a long experience in treating foul brood apiaries, and I never found an apiary where I could drive the disease out of every colony in the honey season by one shake, or by any short-cuts, save as mentioned above.

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#### CONVENTION AND DISTRICT NOTES

The annual Convention of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association will be held in Toronto, November 10-12. The Executive met in Streetsville on Saturday last, deciding on these dates and outlining the programme. Several new and interesting features will be introduced, which should tend to make the Convention one of the best in the history of the Association. The Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show will be held the same week, November 8-14. It is hoped that Ontario bee-keepers will keep this exhibition in mind during the season and provide for it liberally. The Committee have gone carefully over the prize list, eliminating useless prizes and increasing largely, in many cases doubling, the prizes for competitive honey exhibits, thus making it worth the effort to those who make entries.

One of the most hopeful signs of activity and development in the bee-keeping industry is the increased interest in local Associations. Middlesex County Association held its spring meeting in London on Saturday, May 1st, with an attendance of about 50 and a real lively time throughout. Bees were reported in good condition, though the spring has been exceedingly backward, and wintering reports showed a loss of about 10%.

Halton County met in Streetsville on Saturday, May 15th. A good attendance and an excellent meeting here, also. Among the visiting bee-keepers were Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, Secretary O.B.K.A.; Mr. Morley Pettit, of the Experimental

Apiary, Jordan Harbor; Mr. J. D. Evans, Islington; Mr. Jacob Alpaugh, Bellwood; Mr. J. M. Switzer, Orangeville; Mr. Denis Nolan, Newton Robinson, and Mr. W. J. Craig, Brantford. Mr. Pettit addressed the meeting on keeping the colonies strong throughout the season, outlining a season's management, and animated discussion followed. One of the points emphasized was that of having young, vigorous queens. Mr. Alpaugh gave some valuable hints. Members in a few instances reported heavy losses among cellar-wintered bees from dysentery on account of honey-dew stores. The loss among those wintered outside on similar stores was much less, but the bees have not built up, and lack vitality. Others wintering their bees under better conditions spoke of brooding being behind the usual at this season, owing to the cold, backward spring. As a whole, the bee-keepers were very hopeful of a good season. Clover is in excellent condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Couse kindly and hospitably entertained a number of the visitors, adding much to their enjoyment of the meeting.

#### MIDDLESEX BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The above Association met at London on Saturday, May 1st, President Geo. Kimball, Reeve of London Township, in the chair.

Very extensive reports were made on "Wintering" and "Spring Conditions." In these reports a very noticeable feature was the success reported by those who fed syrup in the fall for winter stores. On the whole, winter losses were light.

Mr. John McEwen made a very extensive report. He wintered outside, packed on summer stands. He reported 207 colonies living out of 210. Owing to the backward spring, bees were not breeding as well as should be expected. There was, however, an average of three frames of brood to the hive. He protested