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Y.N.H.S. Notes

A considerable number of people, other than members of the society attended the December meeting when Mr. Wilbur Young spoke to the society on the subject of beekeeping. The meeting was held in the city hall council chambers, December 16.

Dealing with the business phase of the subject, Mr. Young outlined suggested methods to follow from the time the bees were received in packages until the marketing of the honey. He said there are now approximately 75,000 hives of bees in Saskatchewan and that beekeeping has developed into a \$1,000,000 industry in the province.

He told of the three types of bees within a hive, the queen, drones and workers, how each is raised and performs its allotted tasks within the hive. He explained how the worker bees serve an apprenticeship at all phases of work in a hive, such as cleaning out the cells, nursery work, guard duty, collecting honey, ventilating the hive and other similar duties.

He told how the bees by feeding the larvae a different diet are able to produce either workers or a queen bee according to the needs of the hive. Honey, he said, is the purest form of food known to man. Disease germs experimentally injected into honey die within a few minutes.

Mr. Young also told of the work being done by scientists using sulphur drugs to combat the hazard of American foul brood. Following Mr. Young's address, Mr. Paul Wellgan showed several nature films.

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