

a resolution was unanimously carried calling the attention of the authorities to the menace of the unrestricted growth of ragwort.

Mr J. A. Young, M.P., urged that every beekeeper and farmer should constitute himself a special missionary to wage war against the yellow peril.

Debates and Demonstrations.

Subsequently an interesting debate on "Natural versus artificially produced queens" took place between Messrs F. W. Sage and T. H. Pearson, the former supporting the natural method and the latter putting forward the advantages of artificial production.

Mr T. S. Winter, apiary inspector for the district, gave a demonstration of packing a hive for transport.

Other methods of packing were shown by Messrs W. B. Bray, P. A. Hillary and E. W. Hansen.

A demonstration of extracting thick honey was also given by Mr Winter.

An address on foul brood treatment was given by Mr J. Schmidt, and a demonstration of an electric capping melter was given by Mr W. B. Bray.

A photographic competition was held, the results of which are as follows:—

Collection of three illustrating apiary processes: A. Hancock, Hamilton.

Three for advertising purposes: A. Hancock.

Collection of humorous pictures: A. Hancock.

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C. UNWIN,
Secretary.

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LATEST INFORMATION.

The Board has decided to pay out advances on this season's crop on the same basis as for last season. A circular to this effect went out on March 12th.

PRESERVATIVE FOR SUPERS.

In Taranaki some beekeepers are experimenting with paraffin wax applied hot, by dipping the supers in it. If the supers were first heated in a warm room the wax would penetrate further.

Mr. Bates showed me lids covered with petrol tin material, which were beginning to rust and decay. By dipping them in hot paraffin he added years to their usefulness.

Mr. Chapman, of Southbridge, saves all the crank case oil and paints his hives with it. He has a flowerstand built of 10 year old second hand pinus insignis timber which he treated with oil. Though well watered twice a week the timber is quite sound.

BARRETT and BRAY,

Barry's Bay.

Honey exported other than to the United Kingdom during 1929:—
Pacific Islands—

	lbs.
(Apia, Suva, Lautoka, Levuka, Rarawai and Norfolk Island)	6852
Asia— (Singapore, Manila, Colombo, Veiafu and Penang)	3168
British East Africa	2232
Australia	13296
Total	25,548

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