

Flint, Mich., Jan. 3, '03.

Having received from Ellis E. Mason, Secretary of the National Bee-Keepers' Association, the results of the December election for General Manager and three Directors, I make the following announcements:—

Whole number of votes cast for General Manager, 610, of which N. E. France received 489, E. T. Abbott 117, scattering, 4. Mr. N. E. France is hereby declared elected as General Manager.

Whole number of votes cast for Directors, 567, of which G. M. Doolittle received 364; W. F. Marks, 262; Thos. G. Newman 249, Udo Tepperwein 149, Wm. A. Selser 105, Wm. McEvoy 86, G. W. VanGundy 74. The rest of the votes are scattered among 120 members, no one of them receiving more than 32 votes. Mr. G. M. Doolittle, having received a majority vote, is hereby declared elected. No other candidate for Director having received a majority vote, no other is elected. The constitution says that the directors' term of office "shall be four years, or until their successors are elected and qualified." This leaves Mr. Thos. G. Newman, and Mr. W. F. Marks still in office, at least, for the present.

W.Z.HUTCHINSON,

Pres. National Bee-Keepers' Ass.

Some of our readers are aware of the unfortunate little misunderstandings regarding the managership which have spoiled the peace of the National Association during the past year, and led to considerable friction between members. We have had some items for publication bearing on this which we thought it unwise to publish. We don't need to "borrow" troubles of this sort in Ontario. We might say, however, that it would

have been much better if the little note recommending Mr. France had been omitted on the ballot card. It was altogether unnecessary, notwithstanding Mr. Secor's explanation which reads as follows in the American Journals:

Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson. — I have your recent letter in which you say there is some dissatisfaction among some of the members of the Association regarding the form of ballot recently sent out, and because there were no constitutional amendments submitted. I am sure that any fair-minded member will, when he learns the facts in the case, exonerate the General Manager from blame in both cases. The reason why Mr. France's name was mentioned on the voting-blank was that he was the ONLY PERSON nominated in a proper manner. His name had been regularly presented to the Chairman of the Board and seconded by at least half a dozen members. It therefore came to me officially, and I was obliged to call attention to it.

Perhaps it may be stated that other names had been mentioned in some of the bee journals. Granted, I now think I remember one person who so nominated three or four men for the same office. But by what constitutional provision is the Board of Directors or the General Manager required to take cognizance of every suggestion made by every person who may write to periodicals published in the United States? Why were not these nominations made to the proper officials of the Association? Unless these matters are brought to me personally I can not undertake the responsibility of endorsing them.

EUGENE SECOR,
General Manager.