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ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

ON Tuesday evening, the 14th, the first session of the annual convention of the above association was convened in the City Hall, Toronto, about fifty bee-keepers being present. The president, as our readers are aware, is absent, in England, representing with others the association at the Colonial Exhibition, and it was expected that the first Vice-President, Allen Pringle, Esq., would occupy the chair. On the morning of the day of meeting, word was received, that it would be impossible for him to be present, accompanied by the request, that the Rev. W. F. Clarke should take the position in his absence, which on motion of the association was confirmed. Mr. Clarke on taking the chair, referred to the absence of the officers, and explained that the Vice-President had forwarded him a paper which he would give to the association at its next session.

At the last session of the Ontario Legislature certain amendments were made to the Agricultural and Arts Act whereby the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association became a body corporate, and hereafter is to be recognised by an annual grant of \$500. This places the association on the same footing as are the Dairymen's and Fruit Growers' Associations and will form a grand lever for the advancement of the interests of bee-keepers in general. On the understanding that the regular annual

meeting for the election of officers and other matter of like nature should be held immediately after the return of the commissioners from England when a full report from them will be received, it was decided to dispense at this time with the reading of the minutes of the former annual meeting.

On taking the chair, the acting president congratulated the association upon having reached the status of a recognized government body, placing the association on the same footing as the Fruit Growers' and Dairymen's associations. Besides having received from the government letters of incorporation and the terms of the annual grant of \$500, a special grant of \$1000 had also been allowed the association, which sum was being used by executive committee in England with the exhibition at Kensington. The vast importance, which the associations before mentioned had received through the government recognition, will now be accorded the Ontario Bee-keepers; this he considered should be a jubilee occasion amongst bee-keepers.

The present membership of the association is 80.

DISCUSSIONS.

The Secretary suggested that some discussions be entered into on the feeding of sugar stores, and called upon Mr. Emigh to open the subject.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK.—Had never fed very much, so could not say anything of importance either way.