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## ORGANIZATION.

On page 473 of C. B. J. Mr. Edward Lunan has an article on the above important matter. An excellent idea to have a "Dominion of Canada B. K. A." if it will enlarge our association or be of benefit to bee-keepers at all. But here I think we do not strike at the root of the trouble. The meeting of the O. B. K. A. this year was, I believe, not up to the standard as to members in attendance and discussion, but might the discussion generally not be made of greater value and number by pursuing a different course. The meetings are being held at a time when travelling rates are reduced, and bee-keepers generally flock to Toronto, true, but at this time "day" sessions are almost out of the question. There are many other attractions for all and how can we expect the best results by two or three evening sessions at such a time. Why, business routine takes up a goodly portion of the time and however important in some respects many are tired of wasting as they think time which might be more pleasantly occupied in listening to such. Look at the N. A. B. K. Association, the Dairymen's Association, etc., sessions morning, afternoon and night, and for days, business done largely by committees at that and men going under such management know they run no risk but obtain plenty of information directly beneficial to the practical management of bees. Let the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association adopt such a course of sessions after our bees are in winter quarters of two or three days or more, we can get reduced rates no doubt, a large hotel, say in Toronto, can accommodate us all at reduced rates and in that way we can have little conventions at meals and all night as we had at Rochester last fall, and this last alone would be something we can never do under the present system as we could not get hotel accommodation and board at reasonable rates during the exhibition weeks. This done we will strike at the root of the present unpopularity of the O. B. K. Association. Next as to county associations to act with these great associations, the fall of 1884. Messrs. Spence, Wells and myself, if I remember correctly, were a committee to move something to increase the utility of the O. B. K. Association and we resolved to the effect that more thorough organization was necessary and it was published, viz: "That it is desirable that the local associations should affiliate themselves with the O. B. K. A., and that steps should be taken to gain that object and they decided to place before the association the advisability of approaching the local societies formed and inducing localities

without such societies to organize offering them the following terms: \$1 to give them the organ of the O. B. K. A. for one year, membership of the local society and the O. B. K. A. and allow them to draw to the amount of 25 cents for every member, to pay their local expenses. The committee would recommend the appointment of a committee to communicate with such localities for the completion of the scheme. It was a pet idea of mine before I went to Toronto. If a committee was appointed all I heard of the whole scheme since is this that in '84 Canadian Farmer under my "Apiary Notes" is the following: "Is the committee appointed to communicate with local associations regarding affiliates at work?" The local associations hold many of their meetings this fall.

Upon my return to Beeton at our association meetings there, I brought the matter up there and we moved a resolution and carried it to the effect that we would be happy to meet the O. B. K. A. in any scheme for the furtherance of bee-papers in Canada. I sent in a report of this and it was published. If my financial circumstances would have permitted I should have endeavored to meet other societies although not on the committee, but more was out of my power and it is to be hoped the idea has only hibernated. Bee papers are too divided and they fall. The price of honey has never been known to be so low; why? Because there is no unity of action. Could every county in Canada report results of crop to the Ontario association and a right to sell with lowest figures so that association could have sent a man to Europe and opened out a market long ago, and the man might have been paid out of the profits resulting from such a step and no more wrangling or cutting down to present market mostly by the man selling early at any price because he is afraid the market will be glutted. This item

ORGANIZATION REGARDING SALE OF HONEY, though great, is only one of the benefits derived from such a source; then we would receive a benefit from an organ; may we all do our best to accomplish this scheme. To benefit ourselves individually we must benefit all so even those that will not act, but from the most selfish motives cannot afford to lie idle in this matter, and bee-keepers are generally credited with unselfishness, so every one should have a strong motive and every one turning in to help there will be no hindrance, and bee-keeping in Canada placed upon the footing of prosperity it must have if bee-keeping is going to pay much longer. Let those better able to do this work financially and otherwise set to work and we will render them heartfelt thanks.

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