

Toronto and resumed his college studies and completed the course.

In the spring of 1886 he started on his own account at Meadowville, and had a fair season, putting one hundred and twenty five colonies into the cellar. Mr. Couse was in high spirits. The prospect was bright and he set about maturing his plans for the following season. But Mr. Couse soon realized that "the best laid schemes o' mice, and men gang aft a-glee, and leave us naught but grief and pain for promised joy." A fire originating in the building in which his bees were housed, the entire one hundred and twenty-five colonies went up in the flames.

When his brother beekeepers learned of the disaster that befell him, a scheme was set on foot to repair his loss. A number of them agreed to send him sufficient colonies in the spring to take the place of those destroyed by fire. But Mr. Couse is not the man to put himself under an obligation to his fellows if he can help it. Having heard what was being done, he gratefully but firmly declined any assistance whatever, as he had enough money in the bank to start anew. That spring he bought forty colonies from Mr. Emigh, which increased to one hundred the same season. From then till now Mr. Couse's experience has been that of his fellow beekeepers. Now encouraged by success, and anon disheartened by deferred hopes.

In 1885 Mr. Couse was appointed secretary of the O.B.A., a position which he held with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned, till he resigned at their last meeting. He was elected a director for his district in 1898, and is still a member of the Board.

Mr. Couse is active in promoting the best interests of the community where he lives. He is president of the Mechanical Institute. During the winter months he employs his time in buying grain on commission for one of the largest dealers in the country. He is a man of fine presence, genial in his manner, and most obliging in his disposition.

Why is the letter "B" like a hot fire?—
Because it makes oil Boil.

ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

A meeting of the Directors of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association was held at Walkerton, Ont., on Tuesday, January 10, 1893. Present:—F. A. Gemmill, President; A. Picket, vice-President; W. J. Brown, J. K. Darling, M. B. Holmes, S. Corneil, W. Couse, R. McKnight, F. A. Rose, J. B. Hall, E. A. Jones, D. Chalmers and J. B. Aches.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by W. J. Brown, seconded by D. Chalmers, that the expenses of the Foul Brood Inspector, incurred in attending the annual meetings, be paid by the association.—Carried.

On motion the following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz.:—Beeton Publishing Co., \$24.50 W. Couse, salary and disbursements, \$67; M. Emigh, salary, \$25.

Moved by J. B. Hall, seconded by J. B. Aches, that the Treasurer be paid his travelling expenses incurred in attending the annual meetings.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Picket, seconded by W. J. Brown, it was ordered that the auditors be paid \$2 each.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the accounts of the Directors for disbursements in attending the meeting be paid.

Mr. S. Corneil expressed the opinion that, in order to furnish the members of the association with data as to the progress made from year to year in exterminating foul brood, reports more in detail should be required from the Inspector, and that there is no good reason for keeping cases of the disease secret known only to the Inspector and President, any more than there is for covering up cases of glanders, pneumonia, or hog cholera, among live stock. After some conversation on the subject the following motion was put to the meeting and carried:—

Moved by S. Corneil, seconded by J. B.