

be made illegal to keep bees in hives with fixed bars or frames, because such hives encourage foul brood, and also it is impossible to treat the disease conveniently in them.

This was adopted.

It was also resolved unanimously that the Minister of Agriculture be asked to cause the law to be amended in the manner that inspectors may be authorized to destroy at their discretion diseased colonies which the owners refuse or neglect to treat according to their instructions, and that the said owners may be indemnified according to the valuation made by the inspector.—Adopted.

It was resolved that inspectors who shall be nominated in the future shall be obliged to undergo examination before a committee of examiners named by this Society.

The Secretary then reported to the meeting that, following the resolution passed at the meeting of Directors last spring, and in compliance with the request of the Minister of Agriculture concerning the statistics upon the production of honey in the province, he had had printed and distributed to all bee-keepers of whom he had been able to procure the addresses over 1,500 circulars upon this subject. Of this number, about 175 have replied; this is a big increase over the last year, when about thirty only replied. A summary of these replies is shown in the following table:

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| Number of hives..... | 5,000 |
| Pounds of honey..... | 190,540 |
| Pounds of wax..... | 3,510 |
| Average No. of lbs. of honey per colony | 41 |

In spite of the bad season which we have had this year, the result for the small number who have replied is satisfactory enough, and if we add to this the reports furnished by the inspectors and published in the last report of the Minister of Agriculture, it cannot be denied that apiculture is making rapid

progress in this province, and that it forms already one of the important branches of agriculture.

It was then proposed by Mr. Joseph Vachon, seconded by Mr. Norbert Bérmeche, that the Government be requested to establish a bureau of agricultural statistics for this province.—Adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Clermont, seconded by Mr. Bouleau, that the Minister of Agriculture be asked to be good enough to continue to this Society the grant which was given to it last year.

Mr. Sladen, of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, delivered to the meeting a very interesting lecture upon scientific bee-breeding, the improvement of the races, and the Italianizing of the colony.

He was followed by Mr. Beaulne, already referred to, who gave a talk upon the fertilization of fruits by the bees.

The thanks of the meeting were unanimously accorded to the two speakers.

The President suggested to the meeting that the date of the annual reunion of the Society be changed so that it be made to coincide with the seasons when reduced railway fares are available.

It was then proposed by Mr. Prudent Lapointe, seconded by Mr. L. M. Grignon, that the board of directors be authorized to fix the date of the annual reunion of this Society.—Adopted.

After which the meeting adjourned.

A. O. COMIRE, Sec.-Treas.

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