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faction to our British friends, and I urge that all of us put up and sell only first-class goods, and by so doing the demand for our product will increase. I would urge you to push the pure honey legislation. for, if obtained, it will give us a position as honey producers second to none in the world, for then our goods would have the guarantee of the Government of Canada as regards its purity, and that will go far with the British consumer. When permitted, put your name and address on each package.

As regards the awards make on the Ontario honey exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, which surpassed and left far behind in the race all competitors. I suppose we must be content with the Monroe Doctrine as applied to honey, and not dare to ask for the awards, because we cheerfully submit to the Government that flies the Union Jack, and are proud of our allegiance.

As an item that may be of interest to some present, and the Executive Committee submit it for your consideration, is in connection with the meeting of the North American held in Toronto. Your Secretary and President were urged to call a meeting of the Board of Directors to meet said North American and welcome its members to the Province of Ontario. To have complied with these wishes would have cost \$175, and this expense the Executive decided as not advisable. So called together for that and other purposes, the Executive Committee, at a cost of \$20.85, thus saving the Society \$154 00.

I am pleased that our Secretary is able to report an increase of County or District Societies affiliating with Ontario, thus showing that an interest in apiculture is increasing, and allow me to repeat that I hope your labors of 1896 will be rewarded by an abundance of choice honey to gladden your hearts and supply the demand of the honey-loving public.

Moved by Mr. Best, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, that the President's address be accepted. In making the motion, Mr. Best said: I might say that I had much pleasure in noticing that the President has made kindly mention of the late Mr. Rose. I can assure you we have lost not only a good man in the bee business, but in any other business he has shown to the public that he is a man in every respect. As regards the other part of the address, I am sure it is a credit to our President.

Mr McKnight raised a question of privilege and complained that he had been unjustly attacked in THE CANADIAN BEE

JOURNAL, and spoke at great length on the matter, and was replied to by Mr. Holtermann and Mr. Pettit.

A letter was read from Mr. Clark objecting to the action of the foul brood inspector.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by W. J. Brown, that this Association approves of the action of the foul brood inspector in his treatment of the bees of the Rev. Mr. Clark, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Clark. Carried.

Louis Maples.—What kind of receptacles do the members of this Association retail their honey in? We have in York County a honey pail, and we sell it by the gross weight. In that way we sell the pail at the same time.

Mr. Armstrong—As far as I am concerned, I use a package and charge extra for the pails. I also use 20-pound pails I find that 20-pound pails are the best, because they can use them after the honey is out of them.

Mr. Pringle.—I am not in favor of 10-pound pails gross; I am in favor of ten-pound pails net.

Mr. Hall.—I must say that I never sold ten pounds gross. I find it a great inconvenience to get 10 cents a pound for the package. You say to them you will give the 10 cents back, but the customer says he don't want to lay out 10 cents. At the exhibition in Toronto I noticed an old lady and gentleman and a young lady walking through, asking a certain question. Our turn came last, and the question asked was: "How do you sell honey?" "Ten cents a pound." "How much is that vessel?" "Five pounds." It was taken down and done up for them, and 50 cents laid down for it. "But the vessel is 10 cents." "You said five pounds, at 10 cents a pound?" "Yes." "I have no use for the vessel." Well, then, we won't charge you for it." And she reached for the honey, and the boy took the top off the tin and said: "Will you take in your pocket or in your basket?"

Mr. Pringle—I mean to make the ten-pound tins to hold ten pounds.

Mr. Holtermann.—I think we have to be guided in part by the way they do with other products, if the buyer understands it is in 10-pound cans gross, there is nothing unfair about it, but there is the difficulty of the buyer being misled.

Mr. Holmes.—I would be inclined to favor the net weight; that is the plan I follow. I use quite a number of 25-pound packages, and I invariably tell the customer that the price of the article is 25 cents, and that there are 25 pounds, and