

## VIII. THE DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Board of Directors of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario met at Guelph on December 9th, during the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show. There were present: President, A. F. McLaren, M.P., Stratford; Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., Woodstock; John S. Pearce, London; Harold Eagle, Attercliffe Station; J. N. Pagit, Canboro; J. W. Symington, Camlachie; Thomas Gibson, Fordwich; John Prain, Harriston; and J. W. Wheaton, secretary, London. Inspector Millar, Kincardine, was also present to confer with the board regarding his work during the past season.

Mr. Millar and the secretary reported that they had made a visit recently to a number of the syndicate factories, and that the results obtained by the system of uniform instruction and inspection inaugurated by the association last spring had amply justified the expenditure incurred by the association in this work. The syndicate instructor, Mr. J. B. Muir, has done good work in this capacity.

The proposal of the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, for the amalgamation of the Ontario Creameries' Association and the Dairymen's Associations of Eastern and Western Ontario came up for consideration. A resolution was passed by the board expressing its

unanimous approval of the general features of the scheme, and instructing the Executive Committee to confer with the Minister of Agriculture and committees from the other associations in arranging and perfecting the details of the scheme.

The Executive Committee will also confer with Mr. Dryden with a view to securing better sanitary conditions in the cheese factories and creameries of the province.

As there have been several requests lately for the association's inspectors to arbitrate between cheese buyers and factorymen in cases where cheese have been rejected by the buyer, the board expressed its opinion that it would not be in the best interests of the association to undertake such work, and recommended that such disputes be referred to the Dairy Board of Trade where the cheese were sold.

Arrangements for the annual convention in Brantford on January 19-21 are completed, and the official programme will be mailed to the cheese and buttermakers, factory representatives, and members of the association. Copies can be had by applying to the secretary of the association at London.

Dairymen and farmers are requested to keep the above dates free, and arrange to visit Brantford at that time. The prospects are that the coming convention will be one of the best ever held under the auspices of the association, and no dairyman should miss being present.

## THE ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

*Specially reported for FARMING.*

The beekeepers of Ontario held their seventeenth annual meeting in Toronto on December 8th and the two following days, during which some good work was done and some excellent papers were read. The meeting was honored with the presence of the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, who stayed over for a short time on his way to Guelph, in order to address the members. After expressing his sympathy with them, he informed them that any suggestions they might make with regard to advancing the interests of beekeeping in general would receive his earnest attention. The meeting subsequently acted on his advice, and passed a resolution recommending the appointment of Mr. R. F. Holtermann-Brantford, as apiarist at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. FARMING heartily congratulates Mr. Holtermann on the unanimity with which this resolution was passed by the association.

Some of the earliest business before the meeting was the report of the committee on by-laws, which recommended a number of changes in them, rendered necessary by the passage of the new Agriculture and Arts Bill last year, all of which were accepted with one exception. A vote of condolence was also passed to the widow and children of the late Allen Pringle, for many years an active member of the association.

The report of affiliated societies showed that out of twelve nine had reported, but the reports were not so full as they should have been. As regards the 1553 colonies which were reported upon, the increase of bees was 55 per cent. in the fall; the amount of comb honey produced, 9,899 lbs.; and of extracted honey, 80,909 lb.

The treasurer's report showed the receipts to have been \$749, and the expenditure \$662.83, leaving a balance in hand of \$56.17.

Under the head of new business Mr. Newton brought forward the question of freight rates on honey, which is

classed so high as to rob the producer of his profit. Several other speakers corroborated him in this, and eventually a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gemmill and Holtermann, was appointed to see if the railway companies would not lower the rates on honey.

The report of the committee on honey legislation, which was presented by Mr. Pettit, was passed, after some changes had been made in it.

## THE PURE HONEY BILL.

The Experimental Farm at Ottawa was represented by Mr. Fixture, who read a report on experiments on comb foundation which had been held at the Farm. Mr. McFarlane, chief analyst of the Government, from Ottawa, was also present to ascertain the views of the members as to the manner of enforcing the Pure Honey Bill, and as to the standard to be adopted for analysis. A number of the members wanted the specific gravity to be given in the bulletin of the department, but Mr. McFarlane pointed out that what was equivalent, the quantity of water in the samples tested, would be given. Mr. McFarlane also gave some particulars as to the methods pursued by his department in the case of analysis and of prosecutions of offenders against the Act. It seems that a charge of five dollars is made for every sample analyzed; but the Inland Revenue Department will, at their own cost, proceed against persons from whom an adulterated sample has been purchased through an agent of the department. After some discussion, the executive committee was appointed to watch proceedings in prosecutions on behalf of the association.

## MR. KINYON'S ADDRESS.

"Beekeeping in Cuba," was the theme of an address by Mr. Irving Kinyon, Camillus, N.Y. The native hive is a long box five or six feet long, and open at both ends. The bees kept are the same varieties as on this continent, and