

affiliated society. It rests entirely with the members, as to how they shall spend the grant, within the limitation of the by-laws. As to the dividing up of the grant into prizes for distribution to township shows, we must say that we are of your mind exactly, but this, too, is a matter which you, as an affiliated society must arrange amongst yourselves. We would doubt the wisdom of the O. B. K. A. putting down hard and fast rules as to the exact way in which every dollar of the grant is expended. Their only desire is that it shall all be spent in the best possible interest of the whole pursuit of bee-keeping.

Your suggestion as to the method of distribution of the money, where the affiliated society covers more than one county, is a sensible and wise one, and should be carried out without objection. There is, however, no other affiliated society at the present time which does take in more than one county, except your own. While on this subject we may as well say, that we think ourselves, that the grants would be of ten-fold more use if used for the purpose of paying first-class lecturers to deliver practical addresses on the various branches of bee-keeping.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Foul Brood Legislation.

DEAR Mr. Macpherson,—Yours received with reference to the proposed action in re. the foul brood question. I may say

I am in communication with the Minister of Agriculture in Toronto and am moving in the matter as fast as possible, with the view of securing the desired legislation during the approaching session. I have a letter from the Hon. C. Drury to-night in reply to mine, laying the matter before him. Everything is favorable so far and I have little doubt that we shall secure what we ask.

I am also in correspondence with the other delegate, Mr. Gemmell, and my intention is to fix a day soon with the Minister when we will obtain an interview and be prepared to submit to him draft of bill embodying the legislation we desire in the premises.

I thoroughly agree with you that the membership of the Ontario Bee Keeper's Association ought to be largely increased the current year. I have no doubt that it will be largely increased. When those outside come to understand and appreciate the advantages of membership con-

nection with the society they will join. The premium offered, and to be given to every member, new and old, this year is a valuable one, exceeding the amount of the membership fee, and ought to bring in a large accession. On the committee appointed to consider the question of premium for this year I strongly urged the claims of a good smoker, thinking it would be more generally acceptable than anything else we could offer. Every bee keeper, whether large or small, needs a smoker. And those who already possess them will soon require new ones, for I find that smokers like other things will wear out and break. The smoker we decided on was the number two. A good article worth \$1.25, delivered free to every member. As the annual membership fee is but one dollar each member will be in pocket this year 25c, to say nothing of the many other advantages of membership.

Am glad to hear that "La Grippe" has relaxed his hold on you. I, too, am beginning to feel myself again. That night, returning home from the Belleville convention, was, as you are aware, a cold stormy one; and as the midnight train was an hour or two behind time and then slow in its move after it did come along, it was nearly daylight when I got home, and I brought with me a heavy cold on top of "Grip" which made matters decidedly unpleasant in my physical economy for the space of many days. I am a peaceable citizen, but once in a while I feel like quarreling, not so much with my fellow citizens as with their ignorance. That night in the Belleville waiting room where I was obliged to pass a long hour in an atmosphere not fit for a hog to breathe, I came as near to the fighting point as I usually get. A big hot stove in the center of the room, every door and window carefully shut, and nearly every man in the room smoking either an old pipe or a cigar! just imagine that for a moment and then imagine the pleasant and healthy condition of the air in that room to a person of normal instincts! I would go out occasionally just before the suffocating point was reached and walk up and down the platform, but it was a cold, stormy night. Finally I took up a standing position just inside the door, and kept it a little ajar, opening it again as fast as anybody would, shut it. My opinion is that the average male traveler knows or cares as much about the composition of air and the laws of hygiene as a kangaroo knows about conic sections. Yours truly,

ALLAN PRINGLE.

Selby, Ont.

January 24th, 1890.

The foul brood committee met at Toronto, on the 4th inst. The result of these deliberations we have not heard yet.