

You will see by this that it is not within a thickly peopled part of the town. He complained first of the bees destroying his raspberries then that they were destroying his pears. In the court he swore that the bees came into his garden in large numbers and destroyed his flowers. He said the bees by sucking the juice out of the sweet peas caused them to dry up. (Laughter) He got another neighbor, who grows raspberries, to swear that he lost twenty per cent. of his raspberries by the bees. He said he considered he had lost ten per cent. on his sales through realizing a smaller price and he considered he lost ten per cent. on the berries that he was not able to ship at all. Another witness said that the bees came around his watering trough and his horses would not drink on

account of the bees. That was about the substance of his complaint and of the evidence produced.

Mr. W. McEvoy: Does Mr. Sparling belong to the Bee-Keepers' Union?

Mr. Sparling: No.

Mr. McEvoy: I think every bee-keeper in the Province of Ontario should belong to the Bee-Keepers' Union. It only costs a dollar a year and it is much the nicer way to settle up with such men. I have a case in mind where a man brought an action as soon as he found he was up against the Union he dropped it. I think it is to every bee-keeper's interest, whether he lives in village or town, to belong to the Union.

Mr. F. A. Gemmell: We had some trouble in our town. A party who kept bees came to me and told me he was going to be prosecuted for keeping a nuisance on the place, and, being a member of the Bee-Keepers' Union, I sent and got some reading matter concerning the rules and regulations of the Union and what they

would do for anyone who belonged to the Union. I sent those papers to the lawyer who had the case in hand and we never heard another word about it. I think it is a good thing to belong to the Bee-Keepers' Union. Although the Union is nearly all Americans they defend their members no matter what country they belong to, whether Canada or the United States. Mr. Post was thinking probably they were rather too good-natured and we should avail ourselves of an association of our own; but that Union has done good work in the past and is still willing to do good work for us, providing we are members. Every case they have had in hand has always been won by the Bee-Keepers' Union.

Mr. Sparling: If a man wishes to cause annoyance he can bring a criminal action, as this man did against me, and then it becomes a crown case, putting him to no expense, whereas it puts the other party to expense and annoyance.

Mr. Gemmell: If the lawyer had been served with those papers no doubt, as in the case I have just referred to, the action would have been withdrawn altogether. There was not another word about it.

Mr. Sparling: There is no need for him to do so unless he wishes. It costs him nothing.

Mr. W. Z. Hutchison: The Union is for the purpose of defending its members; that is the main purpose, but there is no line drawn as to where those members should live. The members in Ontario are in the same position as the members in the United States. Mr. Sparling speaks about it being a crown case. I would ask Mr. Sparling, if you had an Association on this side of the line for the purpose of defence, would that prevent them from making it a crown case?