

pose of benefiting the *private* members of such Associations, but for the good of the *whole* industry as represented by such Associations. Supposing the O. B. K. A. *should* undertake the shipping of the honey of such of its members as cared to send their products of their apiaries in that way, what is to prevent private individuals from shipping their honey to England as they see fit. The Association cannot prohibit it. The solution of the difficulty will, we prophesy, be found in the formation of a company or firm who will be able to buy and pay *at once*, a price that will make it in the interest of *all* to dispose of their honey to them. The Association would never be able to undertake this, and bee-keepers might almost as well ship to a commission merchant as ship through the Association with no positive information as to when they were likely to realize on the honey they supplied. There are a few who can afford to wait until their honey is disposed of but the bulk of bee-keepers are not in a position to wait several months for the proceeds of their summer labor. These would much prefer disposing of their honey "out and out" as soon as the season is over. Personally, we would much rather dispose of our crop in this way than entrust it to the care of any person the Association might select, even at a less price, and the majority of the bee-keepers, we are satisfied, are of the same opinion. Again, the grant of the Association *cannot* be used for the purpose recommended in some of the resolutions which Associations are being asked to pass and advanced in the published letters of others.

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THE DELEGATE'S REPORT.

FRIEND MCKNIGHT THINKS THAT THE PUBLIC HAVE
NO NEED WITH A STATEMENT OF THE SALES
MADE FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

I HAD thought that the work of the delegates was generally satisfactory, and I believe so still. It is clear, however, that there are some people who desire more information from us than we have yet imparted to them. Within the past few days I have read a resolution printed in three bee-papers, calling upon the directors of the Association to force from us, for the information of the world, a financial

statement showing in detail what property was handled and how we accounted for it. This resolution was passed at the Guelph Bee keepers' Association, held on the 23rd ult. Whether those who formulated it did so of their own notion or were prompted to it by other parties, I will not wait to enquire. We will publish it again. Here it is: "Moved by R. Knechtel, seconded by Thos. Simpson, Resolved that we consider the Directors of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association are in duty bound to lay before the bee-keepers of this country a financial statement relative to the Canadian Honey Exhibition in England last year—Carried." I think this resolution is clear enough to be understood. It cannot mean that the public grant be accounted for and published, for this has been already done. Every dollar of that grant was disbursed by the Treasurer of the Association, and the way in which this was done appeared in his statement as submitted at the annual meeting. I presume he has sent this report to the Minister of Agriculture, and that the latter will publish it to the world for every ratepayer in the Province has as much right to be informed on this point, as the bee-keepers of Ontario. It must mean then that the Association should compel us to inform Tom, Dick and Harry what the honey entrusted to us realized, and what disposition we made of the proceeds, whether we squandered this money recklessly and extravagantly, or used it economically and modestly. Probably they would like to know how many loaves of bread we consumed in London, and how many candles we used. If this be their object, I can only say that their curiosity exceeds their modesty and that we are under no obligation to gratify this curiosity. It was our duty to give "to the bee-keepers of the province" all the information in our possession touching the relative merits of our products, how Ontario honey was esteemed by the English people, what we did to favorably introduce it to their notice, and the prospects of a continuous demand for it. All this we have done in one form or another, and all this was due to the Province at large which granted \$1,000 to advertise the resources of the country to the world. Here I hold, our duty to the Province and to the Guelph bee-keepers ended. Aside from this the property entrusted to us was purely private property, and to those who entrusted their property to us, and to those only are we responsible for the way we sold and accounted for it. We have the fullest proof that these people are satisfied with our work. We have a resolution passed by them to that effect, and we have the private and personal assurance of many of them to the same effect. Neither the