

"That, in the opinion of the bee-keepers of York County, in convention assembled, the attention of the Department of Agriculture should be called to the importance of adopting strict regulations in regard to the stamping out and preventing the spread of the disease known as 'foul brood.' In our opinion, it should be the imperative duty of the inspector, upon finding the disease in any locality, to make a thorough inspection of all colonies liable to be affected, and to take such means as will effectually prevent the spread of, and, if possible, eradicate, the disease; and, further, that our Secretary

communicate to the Department the substance of this resolution."

Before Mr. Hodgetts left the hall a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his presence, excellent address and interest shown in the work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows,

President—Arthur Quantz, Langstaff, Ont.

Vice-President—John McGillivray, Elgin Mills.

Secretary—J. L. Byer, Mt. Joy.

The York Association is in quite a flourishing condition, having about 30 members, of whom 15 are also members of the Ontario Association.

## SHOULD A BEE-KEEPER BE A SPECIALIST?

Should a bee-keeper be a specialist, or run bee-keeping as an adjunct to some other business? Yes and no. The matter depends upon two things, and there are several minor considerations involved. It depends upon the man first, and then upon the country in which he is located.

There are some men who are born specialists, and while their energies and thoughts are concentrated upon the one thing they are likely to be successful; but if they put too many irons in the fire they are likely to come to the ground, while, on the other hand, there are men with a genius for running several concerns. If, however, a man is located in good country, the best thing to add to bee-keeping is bees, and there is scope for all the energy any man may have in the running of out-apiaries, in the rearing of queens, and general mastery of the business, as also the question of marketing the products to best advantage. A man who is a specialist is thus more likely to make his bees pay, and pay well, where the one who makes it an

adjunct to some other business would fail, because many details are sure to be overlooked, except in the case of a genius. But there is another question which enters largely into the matter; that is, country or locality. A man, as a specialist, may put all he knows into the work, and find himself suddenly met by several bad years in succession, or he may be located in a place where the honey-flow is uncertain; in such a case, once he grasps this fact, it is foolish to depend on bee-keeping alone, unless his knowledge of the country is such that he can move his bees about from place to place, but this requires capital and is not always then a success, hence it is better to add some other business to bee-keeping. Now, what shall this be? Again the answer depends upon the man first—his tastes and inclinations and the country in which he is located, as to soil and adaptability or accessibility. The principal businesses one may add to bee-keeping are poultry-farming, dairying, vegetable and flower growing. Orchard work and general farming cannot well be