

STOWEL BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE above Association met, according to provision of the Constitution, Friday, March 13th, at the Queen's Hotel. Mr. Robert Forrest, President, in the chair. After the minutes of the former meeting had been read and approved, the President delivered his annual address as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen. — It affords me much pleasure to meet with you all again in this our third annual meeting. There have been many changes since our last—some losses and some gains. Here are many vacant chairs now that were occupied this time last year. There is one in our house, the occupant of which last year aided me very much in getting up an address on that occasion; but she can help me no more. She took quite an interest in bee culture. But, to the point; this is a bee meeting. I am sure you must all have been well pleased with our last meeting. We had a large meeting and a very interesting man to address us in the person of Mr. D. A. Jones, of Beeton. He is not only able but willing to teach us all in the science of bee-culture, and our very best thanks are due to the gentlemen who were the means of bringing him here amongst us, viz.: Charles Mitchell and our Secretary, George Brown. I expect you all know by this time the profits or the losses you have had in the past year in this our respected vocation. I hope the former has been your lot and that none of you have experienced the latter. The yield of honey per colony has not been nearly as large this year as last, neither has the price been quite as high on account of the abundance of fruit and the low price of sugar and all other sweets, but on the whole I think we have no reason to complain as all other produce has been correspondingly low. Therefore, we have no reason to lag, but let our motto be "onward." I attended the meeting of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association last fall in Toronto, in company with your delegate, George Brown, who very forcibly laid before that body the matter of petitioning the Government to have the duty taken off beeswax. What action was taken he will be able to tell you better than I. Much was to be seen and learned there of

bee-keeping. The show of honey and aparian supplies was very fine. As far as I know there is no foul brood in this part of the country at present, for which we should all be thankful. For the standing of your Society, financially or otherwise, we refer you to our Secretary-Treasurer, who will by his report give you all such information; after which it will be the duty of the Association to select one of their number to fill the position which I have so poorly occupied during the past year. I will conclude by thanking you all for your kind regards towards me through the past year; and hope we may have many more as pleasant years to come, together with lots of honey.

The old officers were re-elected, viz.: Robert Forrest, President; Charles Mitchell, First Vice-President; Arthur Douglass, Second Vice-President; George Brown, Secretary and Treasurer. Communications were read from Mr. Hesson, M.P., and Mr. D. A. Jones.

Moved by A. St. George Hawkins, seconded by James Tudhope, and unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Mr. Hesson, M.P., for the trouble he had taken in endeavoring to get beeswax placed on the free list, and hoping he will be successful in securing this boon so necessary to Canadian bee-keepers, and which would place us on equal footing with the bee-keepers of the United States.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hesson.

Mr. Jones' communication related to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL; it was responded to by giving to the Secretary the names of all likely subscribers.

Moved, seconded, and resolved, that the Secretary get the invitation postal cards printed.

Moved, seconded, and resolved, that Mr. Tudhope, and the Messrs. Hawkins, be appointed a committee to have the Anatomical and Physiological Charts of the Bee, presented by Mr. D. A. Jones to this Association, framed.

Reports: Mr. Tudhope, ten dead out of twenty in bee-house with plenty of stores; Mr. Burnett put four in cellar—all alive yet. Mr. Hill, Atwood, lost ten out of twenty in bee-house from starvation; John Greaves lost three out of four; George Brown put 24 in cellar, all alive—very few dead bees—so far they