

Representative at Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, R. H. Smith, St. Thomas.

Representative at Western Fair, London, John Newton, Thamesford.

Moved by Mr Sherrington, seconded by Mr Pickett, that the annual meeting be held in December, instead of January, the date to be left to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr Chrysler, seconded by Mr Best, that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late F A Rose. Carried.

Moved by Mr Sparling, seconded by Mr Evans, that the premium to the members of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association be the same as last year—"Canadian Bee Journal"—subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Carried.

Thursday evening, Jan. 16th.

Meeting opened at 8 p. m.

His Worship Mayor Elliott in the chair, who, after calling the meeting to order, said:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—In the absence of the Hon A S Hardy, I have been requested to take the chair, and am afraid I will make a poor substitute for the honorable gentleman. The Bee-keepers' Association is assuming some proportions, and the industry in the Province of Ontario is extending. I understand you have already under the supervision of the government an inspector known as the "Foul Brood" inspector, whose duty is to see that disease is kept down and not allowed to spread from one bee yard to another, and I understand that your association is now endeavoring to get an act passed, providing that honey should not be sold or offered for sale that is adulterated. I think your object is commendable, and I hope you will be able to affect your purpose. I am not posted with regard to the bee, but I believe there are various kinds of bees—Italian bees, bumble bees and other bees. When I was a boy I knew more about the bee than I do now. I have a recollection of looking for bee nests, not bee hives, we did not want to find them as thick as that. We sometimes found them in a stump, and very often we had to destroy a hat in keeping them at a respectable distance. I hope this convention has been a benefit to those who are here. As a citizen of Brantford I bid you welcome, and hope you have enjoyed yourselves, and have thought so well of Brantford that on some future occasion we will have you here again. I will now call upon the "Telephone City Quartette" to give us a selection. (Applause.)

"Telephone City Quartette" then rendered a selection in excellent style, and were loudly applauded.

The Chairman—I am sure we have all enjoyed the song, and I have no doubt we will enjoy the address to be given by Mr. McKnight, of Owen Sound.

Mr McKnight—Mr Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, I need not ask you, Sir, if you know the trying ordeal it is to be called upon to stand up and address an audience, especially when you have nothing to say. I may say, ladies and gentlemen, ladies especially, and gentlemen who are citizens of Brantford. that the association of bee-keepers present has adopted the itinerate principle of holding meetings; it roves from place to place; it is here this year, yonder next year. We find this policy both profitable and pleasant. Of the profit of the policy, I need say nothing. This, however, largely consists in the fact that it gives us an opportunity of meeting with and becoming acquainted with the citizens of the various towns and cities through the country. In connection with this, we have especially the practice which all of us enjoy very much; that is, one evening during the course of our meetings, of laying aside the ponderous, serious questions, that it is our habit to discuss learnedly and moderately and holding an open meeting, so that the citizens of the town may meet with us and enjoy with us a thoroughly pleasant evening, and it is not an evidence of weakness on the part of bee keepers to say that we feel flattered, for wherever we go we are always honored with the presence of the mayor and ministers, and men whom the country delight to honor. Last year at Stratford we had the honor of having as our chairman that sturdy commoner, (then Speaker of the Legislature of Ontario), the Hon. Mr. Ballantyne. Last evening we had the honor of a visit from the oldest colleague of the veteran Premier of the Province, under whose administration our industry has been fostered and promoted by liberal aid. I assure you, Mr Mayor, that I speak the sentiments of my brother bee-keepers when I say we feel highly highly honored by our meeting being graced by the Chief Magistrate of the City of Brantford on this occasion. My name is down for an address. Well sir, I have no address, but I do not think much of the man who finds himself in a tight place and does not make an effort to get out of it. I will make an effort this evening by giving you another man's address; it is an address with which you are all familiar, an address that I have known since I was a wee boy. It is the address of Tell to his native Alps. The speaker then delighted the audience with a magnificent display of oratory, interspersing his remarks with