

from the queen breeders throughout the country for this supply. There is hardly any bee-keeper but who will be wanting a queen during the coming season and there is no better means of obtaining one than the above, and at the same becoming a member of the O.B.K.A. We should be glad to have every reader of the C.B.J. residing in Ontario forward their dollar to the Secretary-Treasurer at Streetsville, at once.

Ontario Bee-keepers' Association.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

THE meeting of the Directors of the O.B.K.A., was held at the Albion hotel, Toronto, at one o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday the 28th March, pursuant to notice of the President. The meeting was called for the object of deciding what amount should be paid to local societies by way of a grant from the parent Association; for the purpose of deciding on what each member of the Association should receive; and for the transaction of general business.

There were present M. Emigh, President; J. B. Hall, Vice-President; W. Couse, Secretary; R. McKnight, Treasurer; J. K. Darling, Allen Pringle, A. Picket, F. A. Gemmell and R. E. Smith.

The President called the meeting to order, and after the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, the following communications were received. A letter of resignation from Mr. E. Schultz, director for District No. 13; letters of acceptance of the honorary membership conferred upon them were read from Hon. Sir Charles Tupper and the Hon. A. M. Ross.

The resignation of Mr. Schultz was accepted and the President appointed F. H. Macpherson in the place and stead of Mr. Schultz for District No. 13 for the balance of the year.

The the amount of the grant to affiliated associations was next taken up. The Secretary gave information to the effect that two local associations had already applied for affiliation, viz.: "Brant" county and the "Western Ontario," with the probability of some three or four others coming in very shortly. After some discussion it was moved by Allen Pringle, seconded by

A. Picket that the amount of grant to be paid by the O.B.K.A., to affiliated societies for this year be \$35.00.

It was next moved by Mr. Pringle, and seconded by Mr. McKnight, that all duly qualified local societies must apply for affiliation on or before the 1st of August next in order to avail themselves of this grant. Carried.

It was decided that the members for 1888 receive a good fertile Italian queen, supposed to be purely mated, the same to be delivered on or before July 1st, the object being the introduction of new blood into the apiary.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a committee for the purpose of arranging for the supply of queens to the members of the Association.

The question of granting prizes in the aparian department of the Industrial Exhibition came up for discussion. It was moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Picket, that the O.B.K.A., offer a prize of \$25.00 for the most tasty and attractive display of honey, the display to be the production of the exhibitor, provided the the Industrial Exhibition Association supplement the grant so as to make the premium \$50.00. Carried.

The Treasurer was instructed to secure a corporate seal for the Association.

The accounts of the D. A. Jones Co. for printing, and of S. T. Pettit were passed and paid.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

Items on Bees and Other Subjects.

I PROMISED when you did me the honor of paying me a visit when you were in England, to send you an article or two for the BEE JOURNAL. I have had so much on hand, and the past year has been such an exciting one in making discoveries and inventing new things, I have never felt composed enough to write. However in this I intend to say a little on a number of items, rather than write a long letter on one subject.

Mr. Daniel McFadden, page 654, may be quite right. Singularly enough, I once got hold of the same idea. One winter after a long and hard frost, I found the bees in one of my straw skep hives (i.e., one similar to that shown in the left hand scale on title page of JOURNAL,) to show no