

ciation now or ever did belong who has made its meetings so interesting and practical as our friend Hall. (Applause.) He has been the life and soul of our Association meetings for the last nineteen years. Like myself the world is largely behind him; he has not many years to be here, and I think it would be a graceful thing to do anything within our power to show our appreciation of the value of his services. Although he does not say very much outside of this Association, Mr. J. B. Hall is known all over the continent of America. I would like to move that this Association make J. B. Hall a life member—that is all. (Loud Applause.) I would like if it were in my power, to confer some higher honor than that upon him, but I know he does not want it, and I am not sure whether he would appreciate even this, but I do know it is our duty to show Mr. Hall some mark of appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the bee-keeping interests of this Province. I hope this will not be made a precedent; it would be very little honor if all the old men were associated with him; I would like to see Mr. J. B. Hall the one and only life member of this Association during my lifetime.

Mr. Brown: I have very much pleasure in seconding Mr. McKnight's motion, I can endorse every word he has said with reference to Mr. Hall.

The motion was carried by a rising vote, and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," after which Mr. Hall briefly and suitably replied.

Manitoba and Bee-Keeping

The following article entitled "The Helpful Bee," by J. J. Gunn, Gonor, Man., appeared recently in "The North-West Farmer" and will no

doubt be interesting to many of our bee-keeping friends who contemplate moving to the Great West.

"In any effort to enlist interest in the subject of apiculture there seems so much to be said—so many reasons to be urged in its favor, that absolutely the most difficult part of the task is to decide where and how to begin. Everywhere one meets men and women who have had experience with bees before coming to this province; while almost all over the west can be found an endless profusion and variety of wild flowers, which in most seasons is supplemented by white clover in almost all settled localities, furnishing continuous pasture from the blooming of the willows in April right up till the latter end of September. In view of these facts it does seem strange that bee-keeping is so almost entirely ignored.

"And yet for over twenty years bees have been successfully kept in this province. It is true the number of those actively interested in the subject is very small indeed, but this number has been quite sufficient to place the matter safely beyond the stage of experiment.

"The question of wintering, which was at first considered a serious one, and one on which not a few incipient ventures went to wreck, is now regarded by all who have given it adequate attention as being little, if any more, difficult than in Ontario, and so far such evils as foul brood and moths have not been seen.

"The number of honey-bearing plants common throughout the country has been shown to be very great, and the honey produced is of excellent color and cannot be surpassed in flavor, selling readily at the very highest price. Thus from a purely money-making point of view bee-culture ought to commend itself to anyone desirous of making the most of his