

A communication was read by the secretary from Mr. John Newton presenting the plans decided upon by the committee for the conducting of the Canadian Honey Exchange; considerable discussion followed but nothing definite was decided upon. Clause four, prohibiting the wholesaling of honey by members in cities where the exchange is represented, was objected to by many.

The association decided to affiliate with the O. B. K. A. Exhibiting at the fall fairs was considered; Mr. R. F. Holtermann suggested that the members should send an exhibit of honey to the Industrial Exhibition Toronto in the name of the association; quite a number signified their willingness to join in this. The request of the Southern fair, Brantford, for exhibits and financial assistance was favorably received and a committee appointed to meet with the fair board to make satisfactory arrangements.

The session concluded with a question drawer which was conducted with much interest.

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## Commercial Organization

### ... Among Bee-Keepers.

Paper read at the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Convention,  
by Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich.

Nothing is truer than the fact that times and conditions change. Regarding the conditions and peoples of this continent in ages past, we have little more than conjecture; but, so far as the present race is concerned, there

came, first discovery; then, settlement. The clearing away of the forests and the building of homes. Nearly all that was accomplished was the result of individual effort; and mainly with the bare hands, unaided by machinery. Next came labor saving machinery and the beginning of organization in the shape of factories. At first there was much opposition to machines—"they robbed men of an opportunity to labor". But then, as now, opposition to progress was useless. The wagon-maker who made wagons by hand, sawing out the felloes, and shaving out the spokes, found it simply impossible to compete with the factory with its system of speciality, organization and machinery. The individual wagon makers may have protested against organization, just as some of us now protest against the great organizations called "Trusts", and it is probably true that it inconvenienced them temporarily, and caused them to seek other employment, but the great mass of people who use wagons were benefited; and so were the individual wagon-makers benefited by this same process being introduced into the production of nearly everything they were compelled to buy.

This country has now reached what might be called the age of organizations, and the industry that fails to catch the true spirit of the times, and act accordingly, will eventually find itself in the position of the man who would now attempt to make wagons by hand; organization begets organization, in fact, compels it. When the mine owners organize the laborers must do likewise, or be crushed. There is more than one industry in this country that would have been crushed out of existence, had not the men who were engaged in it, organized.

The best illustration of which I