

At Stratford we took the first day's report ourselves, and arranged with a short

hand reporter to give us the balance. The Ontario Bee-keepers' balance never came to hand and we were placed in a rather bad position.

Time and again we wrote, but the reporter on the Stratford Beacon (the position held, we believe, by the man we engaged) never answered. The report of the Ontario Government is now to hand; we hope everyone will have reason to be satisfied with it. The time of the convention has for years been taken up too much with that which does not profit, what we require to draw is more of solid, practical discussion, from which men can reap dollars and cents. In that respect we think last year is an improvement on the year before, although much is left to be desired.

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On page 45 of the report we find an item as follows: "After the election of officers,

Mr. Allen Pringle, finding that there was another member from his district present, preferred his resignation, giving as his reason that the Association had not done fairly in dropping an old and worthy member like Mr. McKnight from the board. After considerable discussion, in which many kind things were said of Mr. McKnight, the meeting declined to take any action."

We purposely refrained from saying anything about this heretofore. It was a matter of surprise that anyone should think of taking the action which Mr. Pringle did. Leaving aside any action a member may take—in good faith it may be—but which they think no longer entitles him to an elevated position in their ranks, no officer has a right to think that he has a monopoly on a position when there are other good men to fill it. The position of director is, in particular, one which, when others in the district come, should, to a certain extent, go around. It adds interest to the meeting and in many ways enlarges the sphere of usefulness of the association. Mr. Mc-

Knight, we feel sure, does not think that when a position is open to others one should monopolize it.

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We have noticed in various places that the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association received an increased grant

Increased of \$100.00 to defray expenses at Toronto, in connection with the meeting of the North American Bee-keepers' Association. When the North American Association last met in Canada there was a special meeting called of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, and the officers and directors had their expenses paid to the meeting. This expense would probably be in the neighborhood of \$100.00. This year, owing to the fact that, although we thought our case good, yet we did not know with certainty that we would get the increased grant, a special meeting was therefore called of the Ontario Bee-keeper's Association, each officer, however, paying his own expenses. The fact of the North American Bee-keepers' Association meeting at Toronto this year was only one of the reasons why the increased grant was given. Since that a splendid new hall has been secured, free of charge, and the Association will not be under any special expense. We understand the expense in connection with the Pure Honey Legislation at Ottawa, has been light. To what extent the Association may feel inclined to pay a portion of the expenses of the officers we know not. Some of the officers, at least, should be at the meeting, to welcome members of the North American from across the border. We trust that, as the Association can afford it, something will be done in the direction of assisting these officers.

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Unfortunately the prospects of an election in the near future have caused the

livery of an unusual amount of thunder in the House of Commons.

We hope some good and useful purpose is to be served in thus spending the country's money. As it is, useful and important measures were delayed.