

publica. I am afraid of the slipshod bee-keeper, and the man who puts a poor article on the market. Unripe and inferior honey has done more harm than all the adulterated goods put on the market. We want to educate the bee-keepers and the public how to judge the article. I think we are to be congratulated on our new secretary. His business is to be a secretary, and as I have said, he has got the material, he has men under his hands, he has the department with him, and he can do the work as secretary more effectually. But in regard to bee-keeping, educate the smaller men and let us educate ourselves in producing a better article and then we are going to accomplish more.

Mr. Craig—Gentlemen, we have heard Mr. Hodgetts with pleasure and profit this morning and have received quite a favorable impression of the new secretary of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' association. Mr. Hodgetts may not know very much about bee-keeping, but he understands the bee-keepers and their needs, and the value of association work properly conducted. In his dealing with the Fruit Growers' associations in his address there are many points that we might be able to apply in connection with our local associations. These orchard meetings, for instance. We often have difficulty in getting bee-keepers to attend our meetings, if we could arrange to have apiary meetings, say two of the four meetings of the years, I have no doubt but they would be profitable and successful. Such meetings, as Mr. Hodgetts says, would probably bring a great many bee-keepers that we could not induce to come to a meeting in the city hall or court house. Then in reference to the exhibiting of honey at Toronto Exhibition, it occurs to me that a large association exhibit would be more of an advertisement for the

industry that exhibits by individual bee-keepers. There are some features in connection with this that would be worth considering. Mr. H. D. House, who has been with us here, is lecturer for state schools in New York, speaking of this mode of giving apicultural information he told of delivering an address at a school in a small town and how the children went away so enthused about honey that in nearly every home represented honey was purchased with the result that the stores were cleared of all the honey they had in stock.

The subject is now open for your discussion, and I am sure Mr. Hodgetts will be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. Laing—Mr. Hodgetts was speaking about adulterating and the market in the west. I agree with him as far as the market is concerned. Undoubtedly there is going to be a great opening there for the sale of honey. I just want to call attention to the statement of Mr. Holtermann in reference to one pound of adulterated in one thousand. I am not saying he is wrong, though this is one pound too much. Of course, if it is only that it is comparatively a small matter. What I was going to say is this: A thing of that kind should be taken hold of immediately by the Ontario Association, and the government. Adulterating should not be allowed if we are going to have a good market in the west for our honey. Bee-keepers, especially members of this association should not send out anything that is not absolutely pure. Mr. Hodgetts was mentioning another matter also that I was taking note of and that was regarding the price of fruit. He said the larger producer of fruit got the same price in co-operation as the smaller producer who might have an inferior article. Was I correct in that?

Mr. Hodgetts—Not quite correct. For