

inion exhibit, your committee having no power to act after the the honey was contributed for exhibition purposes. Although a large portion of honey was furnished by the members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, and, largely to to our credit, Canada was awarded gold medal and diploma. It will be laid before your consideration the advisability of making an exhibit of honey at the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo in the season of 1901. In this you will want to find out what assistance can be secured for the undertaking, whether it is going to be a Dominion, Provincial or an Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association exhibit, and last whether there will be anything in it if an exhibit is made.

I am informed by our inspector of apiaries that under his skilled treatment and instructions that dread pest of the bee-yard, foul brood, is fast disappearing and we look forward with every assurance that it will soon be wiped out of this province.

There will be other minor matters brought up for discussion and I trust that they will receive your consideration and be dealt with in a business-like manner. There is one subject that has lately occurred to my mind that I would like to see brought up and discussed at this meeting, that is the advisability of this association forming some line of defence to protect its members against jealous, ill-natured cranks who think in their minds that no person has a right to keep bees. I think if they were aware of the fact that we stood together defending our rights, also knowing the fact that we are fostered by the Government, it would make them think twice before entering their pretty so-called grievances.

In conclusion I thank you for your

courtesy in electing me your President for the past year, and I trust that you will assist me in making this annual meeting one of the most profitable in the history of the association.

The President called upon Mr. J. W. Sparling to open the discussion on the President's address.

Mr. J. W. Sparling: Mr. President, I do not know that I really have anything to say on the address. As far as exhibiting honey is concerned, I have had none to exhibit this season. There was one thing, however, that you touched upon which I could speak upon feelingly and that was in regard to ill-natured neighbors. I have had some rather unpleasant experiences with such people recently. One of my neighbors brought an action against me for maintaining a nuisance on my premises. We threshed it out before the magistrate a couple of times and he sent the case down to the Assizes, fortunately. I there won the case but at considerable expense. The worst of it was that he, making it a crown case, was at no expense, although losing whereas I had to bear all the expense of the witnesses I took down there and for my Counsel and so on, which seems rather a hardship, but such is the law I believe. If we could organize a defence association I should cordially approve of it: I would be very ready to become a member.

Mr. D. W. Heise: Some of us, perhaps, would like to know the circumstances and how the keeping of bees is declared a nuisance.

M. Sparling: I live within the town limits but on the outskirts of the town. The land around me is farm land. Next to me is a 100 acre farm. I have five acres of land where I live; the man across from me who complained has four acres; the man next to him has nine acres.

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