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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

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### Amendments to Act Respecting Agricultural Societies.

Our legislators must have had some good reasons for amending the Agricultural and Arts Act; yet to the writer's mind it is a doubtful question if they have improved matters any by so doing. The clause allowing the different societies to regulate by by-law the number of directors and districts to be represented is no doubt a move in the right direction, but the provision that the president and vice-president shall be appointed from and by the directors is, in our humble opinion, simply making worse a former bad system of election. In other words, the clause in question savors too much of despotism, and I feel sure that the rank and file of our Association is not in sympathy with the change. While many reasons could be given, let one illustration suffice for the present. Let us suppose that it is desirous to place a certain man on the executive who is not a director for one of the districts. It is a comparatively easy matter to place his name before the convention when electing officers by our old but antiquated system of election. On the contrary, it is a much more delicate mat-

ter to nominate the same person for director, especially when the secretary reads over the list of counties to be represented and gives the name of the present director, who, by the way, is at the convention. We feel free to thus criticize, believing that any member we may have met will not think that there is "an axe to grind," or that we are in any way hunting for office from a personal standpoint.

### Retail Packages for Honey.

After reading friend Hand's pertinent remarks and queries relative to my remarks in October C. B. J., on the subject of retail packages, I felt—well, as if I would hoist the white flag. Honestly, I had forgotten the amount of honey that friend Hand told me had been sold in his little town, and had no idea that nearly 5,000 pounds had been thus disposed of. No, the 2,000 pounds sold in our village was not all the honey I had a year ago, but, then, I have never made any special effort to work up our home trade. When I do make the effort, Mr. Hand, I am going to get even with you by selling 5,000 pounds in our village, all in tin pails!

### Two Kinds of Foul Brood.

Prof. Phillips, W. Z. Hutchinson, and others, seem to have jumped to the conclusion that the foul brood of Europe is what the Americans characterize as "Black Brood," and that the genuine article that we know as "foul