

had sent in any request as to experiments. This should not continue.

The convention tackled the very important item of grading honey. I think no convention has ever had the hardihood to undertake it before. A committee of seven, with Dr. Mason as chairman, were instructed to report a scheme for grading. Several times the report of the committee was called for, but each time the reply was, "Not ready." At last the report was that they couldn't agree. Then the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and "rassled" with the problem in dead earnest. But the problem "downed" the convention, and dinner time found them without an agreement. "Too bad that we couldn't agree upon something, and at least make some kind of a start," was the comment of more than one during the noon hour.

After dinner, with perhaps a little feeling of desperation, the subject was renewed, in the attempt to see how far there could be any agreement. Then the good sense and the good spirit of the convention showed itself, and each one seemed willing to make any reasonable concession to the views of others. So a system of grading was agreed upon, subject to the revisional judgment of the assembled Albany wisdom. I think it is far from a perfect system; but it is a start, and that is at least something.

Among other things, the ubiquitous question as to Sunday closing of the World's Fair came up. Two to one were in favor of Sunday closing, but in the interests of harmony the majority yielded. It is not entirely clear to me why it would not have been just as graceful and proper for the minority to yield to the majority.

Although no action was taken, there was considerable discussion as to honey being entitled to the same bounty from the government as maple sugar. It was argued that the McKinley bill had so lowered the price of sugar imported that the home product could not compete. To this it was replied that the same action had brought down the price of honey to meet sauces made with cheap sugar.

The convention backed by two commission men, recommended the shipping of comb honey in single-tier cases holding 12 or 24 sections each. The weight of opinion seemed to favor, for extracted honey, square 60-lb. tin cans packed in wooden cases, two in a case, but some were quite earnest for cheap barrels.

Publication of honey quotations had some attention. The practising of publishing above or below what could be actually obtained was

depreciated, and it was urged that those publishing quotations should give them somewhat as they were given of staples such as butter and wheat. That is, a man who sells on commission should say at what price honey is actually selling; and if he is a cash buyer he should say what price he is paying.

Action was taken toward allowing the society in future to be part and parcel of the State society organized last winter. It was the general opinion that this would be a good thing for both sides with no advantages to either. In any case, the same members will attend at Chicago, and, with low rates so frequently available and such a central location surrounded on all sides by live bee-keepers, there seems no good reason to suppose that there will be any failure in always having a good convention in Chicago.

That prince of secretaries and bee-reporters, W. Z. Hutchinson, was busily engaged throughout the session in pushing his pencil, and we shall undoubtedly have a full report in the proper time and place.—C. C. MILLER in *Gleanings*.

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Alvinston Bee-Keepers.

A MEETING of the Lambton Bee-keepers Association was held in Alvinston on Nov. 2nd. Members were present from various parts of the County, and more than usual interest was taken in the proceedings.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Lewis Travers; Vice-President, John Armstrong; Secretary-Treasurer, W. E. Morrison.

A great many interesting subjects were discussed, but "the spraying of fruit trees while the blossom is on," created the most interest and it was found to be the feeling of those present that while we should do our best to educate people to the fact that it is not only needless and useless but absolutely injurious to spray while trees are in bloom. We should have a law enacted making it a misdemeanor to do so.

L. Travers was appointed delegate to the O.B.C.A. annual meeting to be held in London.

From reports given it is found that the past has been a good average season in Lambton, but no one has a very large crop. Prospects are that good prices will be realized for honey of good quality. Meeting adjourned to meet in Oil Springs on the second Monday in May.

W. E. MORRISON, Sec. Treas.

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