

Journal upon the subject some time ago. We seem to unconsciously drift into details, and I don't see how we are going to get away from it. But I think if we tried we might modify it a good deal. In past years when it was suggested to make certain changes in the Constitution I remember there was personal feeling ascribed to certain members, when probably they voted for what they thought was the good of the Association. But I think we are rising above that. We must use a little charity one with the other. The Honey Exchange Committee appointed annually by the Association is doing a good work. Now, we have been told that we shouldn't look for government aid, but we find our kindred associations are getting larger grants than we are, and I think we are entitled to these grants just the same as they are. I think the development of the market is one of the openings that this Association should work on in the future. I am not prepared to say how that should be done. Some may disagree with me on this. There should be some system of inspection. Some say that you can send honey indiscriminately to the Old Country and it doesn't interfere with the market, but it does. If a barrel of apples is sent to England of an inferior quality and it is branded '3x', it hurts the Canadian shipment. I am not prepared to say how we can overcome these things. Mr. Pettit referred to literature, but I think we have all the literature we require. We don't get time to read what we have. He also spoke of the election of officers. Our system is not good. I am not going to make any suggestions, but I am of the opinion that our system is not sound. I believe that sometimes the directors are elected from a feeling of courtesy and not thinking of the good of the Association.

Mr. Pettit—If you will allow me a word, I think Mr. Byer misunderstood

me on the social question. I enjoy very much to meet my fellow beekeepers from year to year, but at the same time we should remember that we are here for business.

Mr. McEvoy—I can't agree with these gentlemen on the question of electing the directors. When we have men coming long distances year after year they are the best men of the country. They come here and let the people elect them. Now if you are going to have them elected in their own locality they are going to send us green things you see. (Laughter.) That is natural.

Mr. Hall—I agree with what has been said on the question of electing officers year after year. We all know they come a long way and they get their expenses paid and others are left at home, but we shouldn't hold offices year after year. I think those people if they elected their representative would send a representative man, and I think the result would be that you would have your local societies better attended. I certainly think we should have our election by ballot and we should have any member in the Association open to election. And I think it would be a benefit to have new men because new men have new ideas.

The President—We would like to hear a few words from Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson—Mr. President, we have had the same trouble over on the other side that you have here. When a man gets in office he is there as long as he lives. But we have been trying to make an arrangement over there in the National Association so that you could elect a new man if you found you had made a mistake. We have been having nominations by mail and the two men that got the most votes would be the candidates, and that gives us a chance of voting out a man if we think it wise to do so. But if you don't have any nominations you never can get anybody in the position unless there

an opposing candidate. I have been trying that and are trying it again with the card ballot. The largest number of dates.

Mr. Dickinson—word in connection with the interests of the society—in the Military found it necessary to make changes with regular men, and the tire with rank, so could take their

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this could be done in this Association. We have not good men, I think we have. We must have them from the district, but if a man is re-elected for ten years I think it is pernicious. I have men in the different positions who should be directed