

HALDIMAND BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Cayuga, on Friday, Jan. 29th, the President, Mr. James Armstrong, in the chair. Members present—Wm. Kendree, R. W. Beam, H. Smith, David Anguish, G. B. Vasbinder, George Werner, Robt. Anguish, D. J. Rutherford, James Jack, Elijah Kindree, W. T. Anthony, A. Vanderburg, Rev. P. Bardon, C. Vanderburg, Robt. Coverdale Geo. B. Stephenson, and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following officers were then elected:

President—Wm. Kindree.

Vice-President—R. W. Beam.

Sec.-Treas.—E. C. Campbell.

Directors—Jas. Armstrong, Walpole; G. B. Vasbinder, South Cayuga; Robt. Anguish, Ranham; H. Smith, North Cayuga; Hugh Stewart, Oneida; Geo. B. Stephenson, Seneca; Rev. P. Bardon, Cayuga.

A long discussion took place on the Colonial Exhibition when it was moved and seconded, that Rev. P. Bardon and the Secretary be a committee to wait upon Dr. Baxter, M.P.P., with reference to a grant from Government to aid the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association to make an exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition.

In answer to the question whether bee-keeping paid, the President said he was satisfied with the success he had met with, but advised beginners to start with one or two hives, and gradually work up.

Mr. Geo. B. Stephenson wanted to know what was the best kind of hive.

Mr. Kindree said he thought his hive was as good as any, but other keepers used other hives and preferred them.

Mr. Armstrong used the Jones hive, and thought it as good as any for this climate.

A general discussion took place for some time on several questions of interest, a number of members taking an active part.

Moved by Mr. Anguish, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the next meeting of our Association be held at Hagersville on the first Saturday in June at 11 o'clock a.m.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jack, seconded by Mr. Coverdale, that Mr. Nagel's account for framing charts, amounting to \$5; and the Secretary's account for printing, \$5, be paid. Carried.

Programme for next Meeting.

Artificial or natural swarming—which is best, and how to proceed. Transferring—How to do it—practically illustrated by Mr. James Armstrong, of Cheapside. How to raise good queens. Question Drawer.

E. C. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear each week, Queries and Replies; the former may be propounded by any subscriber and will be replied to by prominent bee-keepers, throughout Canada and the United States who can answer from experience, as well as by the Editor. This Department will be reserved for the more important questions, others will be answered in another place.

DISTANCE FROM GROUND OF HIVES.

QUERY No. 61.—How high, from the ground should hives stand in summer and why?

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—A good deal depends on the locality and soil. Three or four inches is high enough for me.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND, ONT.—About four or five inches—because this height is most convenient for the bees and their keeper.

and the back end four inches, and bank up in front with sawdust so the bees can walk in if they should alight a foot from the hive.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—I use 2 x 2 scantling tacked on underside of bottom board, the scantling setting on the ground.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—About six inches from the ground to top of platform. Plenty of sawdust or clean sand in front. It is a convenient height to work at.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.—High enough so that the bottom board will not be damp, and rot. I use Langstroth hives and raise the front end about two inches from the ground.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—This will depend somewhat upon the height of your hive and upon whether you practice the tiering up system or not. About eight inches generally speaking for convenience sake.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—Just high enough to admit of proper ventilation under the bottom board of hive to avoid dampness and decay of hive. There should be a continuous approach from the ground to the entrance.