

membership from former years, and an increase of \$100 or \$150 grant. Could not something be done to improve matters? I should think we should have ten times as many members. How would it do to give members two bee journals, or a queen, or a book or smoker, or something else, with one bee journal; or no bee journal and more supplies, giving members their choice, and hold the annual meeting consecutively in each affiliated county, and at fair time; if near a city, in the city; and the Secretary, Treasurer, and one other official, say the Vice-President, or Vice-Inspector or Treasurer, be paid their expenses."

Mr. McKnight—It might be presumed by some person that I was the party that asked that question. I am not. I am quite in accord with some of the questioner's views, and some of his views show that he is not quite conversant with the history of this Association. Its members before now have got a book, they have got a smoker, they have got queens, and they have got the Journal for more than one or two or three years. The only suggestion, as far as getting is concerned, is that they get two journals. Why not say three? I don't think, however, that this is just the time to discuss that question, as it will come up bye and bye. In fact, I presume that is for the Board of Directors to deal with exclusively, as to what means will be employed to keep up and interest the membership.

On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet at eight o'clock p. m.

Eight o'clock p.m., President Darling in the chair, called the meeting to order.

President Darling read a letter from Mr. Hall. (Letter will appear later.)

Mr. Pettit—Perhaps I can answer that letter. Although we did not get what we asked for, we have a bill which lies in that direction and I will just give you the views of Dr. Sproule. He says you will not get any more than you ask for. But he says my advice to you now is, do not ask just yet for anything more. Let the bill alone; test it in the meantime, and then come and get the amendment that you need; get just what you want. Mr. Sproule says there are few bills passed but what need amendment, and when a Government has undertaken to pass a bill, if they find that bill is wanting, they feel bound to make it what it should be, and as a rule they do it. I think Mr. Hall is making a mistake and I think we too would be making a mistake to follow the suggestion he makes.

Mr. McEvoy moved, seconded by Mr. Pettit, that a vote of thanks be passed to

Dr. Sproule and all the other members of Parliament and members of the Senate who have done what they have to put this bill through and give this Association a bill, which while it does not perhaps come up to all we asked for, is a long way ahead of what we have had in the past. Carried.

"What stand should Canadian bee keepers take in regard to the Bee Keepers' Union of North America, and North American Bee Keepers' Association?"

Mr. Pettit—I would move that we do not think it advisable to have anything at all to do with it and I want to emphasize that the object in making the motion is not at all because I have not the most friendly feeling in every way towards our brother bee keepers across the line; I appreciate their good will and kindness in every way, but they see it as I see it, that each nation can run better by itself. That is the reason of the motion; it is not because they despise us or would not like to work with us.

Mr. Holmes—In view of the fact that we are very close neighbors and we wish to live in very friendly terms would it not be well to allow the matter to drop without a resolution? (hear, hear).

Mr. Pettit moved, seconded by Mr. Walton that this Association take no action in regard to the Bee Keepers' Union of North America. Carried.

Discussion on the best method of rendering old comb.

Mr. Newton—I have used the solar extractor and get on very well, but I have some combs that I want to melt up this winter and I want to hear something with regard to the best methods of working.

Mr. Pettit—In using the wax extractor do you put the combs more than one thick? Will it do to put one on top of the other? I never tried it.

Mr. Newton—I generally break mine up and after they get so that I can see the wax out of them I stir them up with a stick. I cannot very well answer how many combs I can put in at once. Sometimes I break up probably three or four at a time.

Mr. Pettit—Did you ever try to see whether you could get the wax all out? In breaking the combs all up it seems to me the cocoons would sap up the wax. Do you ever try the two ways to see whether you would not get more by not breaking them?

Mr. Newton—That is why I break them up because I get more wax.

Mr. Hoshal—Have you ever tried the way you have got to see whether it will burn? Have you put it under a microscope.

Mr. Newton—That is a question that