

come across one, however moderate, who does not consider I was amply justified in my action. For two years or longer, in convention, Mr. McKnight has hindered profitable discussion and the business of the convention by uncalled-for attacks, having discussions repeated, or questions reconsidered, because he happened to be absent when they had previously been brought up in perfectly proper order. He has attacked members in a most uncalled-for manner, and driven some from the convention perhaps never to return. Has it not been a case of desiring "peace and harmony, sweetness and ease," etc., etc.? And is it not time that the backbone of members of the association should assert itself, and that anyone of such a disposition, instead of being allowed on the programme, should be made to feel that such conduct shall no longer be tolerated, and that those who have kept away are safe to come back and have the time occupied in profitable discussion. It is generally admitted that last year's convention was the best for years. But why? Simply because those attacked by Mr. McKnight, and especially the editor of *THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL*, remained silent when attacked; allowed charges and statements to go unchallenged and remain under imputations rather than take up the time of the convention. But members of the association must remember that a man cannot allow that to continue, and when done at all, he lays himself open to being misunderstood. When such is the case, it is the duty of the association to deal justly and call such a man down, and in every possible way to show their disapproval of wrong. Under present conditions I cannot again take part in the discussions. Last year I left institute work to go to the convention, and I could have arranged to be present this year, but unless something unforeseen develops, I shall keep away from the convention this year. I cannot believe that the association at large will approve of the action of the executive. Our association has been wasting time too

long. Those who have attended the last two years *know* who is to blame. Let them speak out. I know from a private source that unless we mend our ways, our grant will be cut off.

Consider well who are your best and most useful men for office, (personal liking has nothing to do with it), and then put them in office. The association is a business institution; let it be run in a business-like way.

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We have handled large quantities of both extracted and comb honey, and by means of exhibitions and otherwise have had large opportunities of seeing and knowing of the skill of leading bee keepers in Canada for taking a first-class article of comb honey, and we believe we are safe in saying that Mr. S. T. Pettit stands at the head of the list in the country for producing the best and most comb honey per colony. His yield per colony for the last twenty years we also believe to be ahead of any one else. For Mr. Pettit to stop attending bee-keepers' conventions as he has thought of doing would be a loss to the association.

York County Bee-Keepers' Association

The above association met at the residence of Mr. David Byer, near Markham, Thursday, October 14th. The convention was well attended, among those present being W. J. Walton, president; A. H. Crosby, vice-pres.; L. Mapes, sec'y; J. F. Davison, D. W. Heise, J. Kendrick, J. W. Sewell, Henry Meyer, W. B. Button, Wm. McDonald, T. J. Dougal, Mr. and Mrs. David Byer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Raimet, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Shereck, Jacob Fockler, Robt. Ward, W. Byer, Henry Mitchell, Elijah Hoover and R. F. Holtermann.

In the absence of President Walton at the beginning of the meeting, Vice-Pres. Crosby took the chair until Mr. Walton appeared. Among the opening remarks Mr. Crosby said that Carniolan bees had done very well for him. He had found them perhaps slightly more inclined to