

during the past ten years of your existence.

As there is no necessity for the existence of two organizations to accomplish the work which can be easily done by one, we propose a consolidation of our two societies, for the purpose of creating a closer "bond of union" between apiarists, and saving them the extra expense of membership in two bodies in order to gain the benefits and advantages which one can bestow when united for that purpose.

Ever realizing that "in union there is strength," we offer you any portion of our name you may desire to appropriate.

We offer you our grand history and work accomplished during the past quarter of a century.

We offer you our members, in every State, Province and Territory of North America, and so far as we can, we promise their co-operation in all measures looking to the advancement of the interests of the pursuit, and a continuance of the glorious record you have made in the ten years of your successful existence.

All we ask in return is, that you add to your already efficient organization, similar annual conventions to those we have heretofore been holding, at some convenient time and place and if possible, that you devise some equitable system of delegation, so as to make such thoroughly representative, competent to act for the entire membership.

We desire that this proposition be submitted to your members, together with such Constitutional provisions as may be necessary to effect the consolidation and provide for annual meetings, so that a full and free vote upon the same may be taken at your next annual election of officers, and hope that this proposition may be accepted—that being the only necessary step to unite us both into one strong and well-equipped organization. If the consolidation is effected, it would be desirable for it to go into effect January 1, 1893.

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Committee.

[The Constitution for the amalgamated society, as submitted for approval, reads as follows:—EDITOR.]

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "North American Bee-Keepers' Union," and shall hold meetings annually at such

time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, due notice being mailed to all members at least sixty days previously, and published in the bee-periodicals of Canada and the United States.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to protect the interests of its members, to defend their rights, and to form a bond of union for mutual protection.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—The officers of this Union shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers. These officers shall be the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2.—The Secretary will be General Manager, and shall have charge of the executive work of the Union, under the advice of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3.—The officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold their several offices for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 4.—Nominations of officers shall be sent to the General Manager before the first day of November in each year, who shall cause the same to be printed in the bee-periodicals—and shall be printed and mailed by December 1, with the necessary ballots to every member who paid dues for the previous year.

SEC. 5.—The Treasurer shall furnish a bond of \$2,000 for the faithful accounting of the funds of the Union, and shall pay out the funds only on vouchers signed by the President and Secretary.

SEC. 6.—The term of office shall be for the calendar year, and the polls shall close on the last day of December.

ARTICLE IV.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The officers shall constitute a Board of Directors, which shall determine what course shall be taken by this Union, upon any matter presented to it for action: and cause such extra assessments to be made upon the members as may become necessary provided that only one assessment shall be made in one fiscal year, without a majority vote of all the members (upon blanks furnished for that purpose), together with a statement showing good reasons for another assessment.

ARTICLE V.—MEMBERS.

Any person may become a member by paying to the General Manager an entrance fee of \$1, for which he shall receive a printed receipt, making him a member of the Union, and entitled to all its rights and benefits until the 31st day of December following. The annual fees of \$1 shall be