

which motion was seconded by L. J. Walker, Esq., and passed unanimously.

Sheriff Blanchard then spoke favorably of the object of the meeting, and hailed with delight the formation of a Fruit Growers Association for the Eastern Counties, and referred to the run-out orchards of the olden time, that did good service in their day, which the Association would no doubt soon be the means of renovating: and concluded by moving that the fee for membership be an annual subscription of one dollar, which was seconded by George Campbell, and passed unanimously.

At this stage William Kent, Esq., Lower Village, addressed the meeting, and stated his experience in raising fruit for twenty years. Said that he had no success with plums till he applied tincture of iron to the roots of his trees, in accordance with a recipe he had taken from an English magazine. That he had not been so fortunate in growing apples. That the lice were destroying his trees. However, Mr. Kent exhibited some very fine specimens of apples from his orchard—Orange Russets, and an apple not unlike the Gravenstein—that attracted the attention of every one present, and tempted the palates of not a few.

Major Yeomans and Dr. Muir then gave their experience in apple culture, and their mode of dressing trees in the spring, and were followed by J. F. Blanchard, Esq., who spoke at some length, and said that more information on the subject of fruit culture was needed by the generality of fruit growers in this part of the Province, and thought that the Association would prove a great boon to them, and was just the thing that was required. That he had been trying to grow apples for a few years, and found that by cultivating his land too close to his trees, he had destroyed the roots of some trees, and injured others by barking them with the whipple trees in harrowing his land, and had no doubt that when the Association was well under way, he and others would become better instructed in fruit culture, and great good would be the result. He closed by moving that the Association be governed by a President, a Vice-President and a Vice-President for each County represented in the Association by twenty members, a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Council of nine, four of whom shall form a quorum, the officers to be members of the Council *ex-officio*. This motion was seconded by Col. Archibald, and passed unanimously.

It was then moved by Sheriff Blanchard, and seconded by Colonel Archibald, that Colonel Laurie be President of the Association, which motion being put by me to the meeting, received its hearty approval.

The meeting then unanimously appointed John B. Calkin, Esq., Vice-President of the Association and for Colchester County, on motion of James K. Blair, Esq., seconded by Mr. Muir.

James K. Blair, Esq., then moved a resolution to the effect that D. H. Muir, Esq., M. D., be Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, which was seconded by Colonel Archibald, and passed unanimously.

W. B. Alley, Geo. Campbell, Colonel Archibald, Sheriff Blanchard, Majors Yeomans and Blair then successively made motions nominating Vice-Presidents for certain Counties, which resulted in the unanimous appointment of the following persons for Vice-Presidents:—for Pictou—David Matheson, Esq. Cumberland—Col. Chas. Stewart. Hants—Nelson Murphy, Esq. Antigonish—Robt. Trotter, Esq. Island of Cape Breton—Lieut. Col Reid. Halifax—George Creighton, Esq.

The following members of Council were then duly appointed:—Hants—Major H. Yeomans. Pictou—Geo. Johnston, Esq., M. D. Colchester—Major Blair, J. F. Blanchard and Wm. Kent.

It was decided to leave the appointment of other members of Council to the next meeting.

It was then moved by George Campbell, Esq., and seconded by J. K. Blair, Esq., that officers and Council prepare a code of by-laws for the Association, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting, and that meetings of Council, to prepare such by-laws, be called by President, or in his absence, Vice-President, through the Secretary. This motion passed in the affirmative.

An opportunity was then afforded gentlemen present to become members of the Association by paying the dollar subscription to D. H. Muir, M. D., the Sec. and Treas. elect, with whom all wishing to join are requested to communicate.

Major Yeomans was then called to the chair by Sheriff Blanchard, who moved that the thanks of the meeting be given to Colonel Laurie for the great interest he had taken in the subject of fruit culture, and for his efficient services in the chair, which added so largely to the success of the meeting. The motion being seconded by Major Blair, passed by acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again in same place, at 1 p. m., on Thursday, the 28th day of November next, to pass upon the by-laws to be submitted, and transact any other necessary business, when it is expected that many others interested in fruit culture, not present to day, will put in an appearance and identify themselves with an undertaking of such vast importance, started under such favorable auspices, and destined to prove of

such inestimable benefit to the Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia.

Yours, &c.,

ISRAEL LONGWORTH.

### Communications.

#### BUZZ-A-BUZZ—A QUESTION.

To keep Bees or not to keep Bees,  
That is the question.

To the Journal of Agriculture Editor,—

SIR—I notice in the 75th and 78th numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture*, that a correspondent recommends the keeping of Bees, in terms of high commendation, as a profitable species of farm stock. Bees are certainly very interesting, and, no doubt, some useful hints would be derived from their habits of industry and mechanical skill, as also, the bountiful supply of the delicious "sweets of nature" they are credited with.

I think I may say that I am partial to bees, and should have no objections to avail myself of the advice given in such pressing terms by your correspondent, if some information had been appended to the communication of his personal experience in dealing with such persistent and industrious animals.

For information and mode of management a certain Mister [or Mistress] Queen-bee is recommended as sufficient authority on that head. This savors a small-fee of a bee-line advertisement of the author and his book. As I do not, for a moment, entertain the belief that such was the writer's intention, it would be superfluous to comment further than to remark that others besides myself are not in a position to consult the authority referred to.

The practice of husbandry in Nova Scotia differs materially from that of other countries; and as bees are represented as *stock*, they naturally come under the head of that department of industry, and as the home rule of management is so persistently followed in matters pertaining to the farm, it is more in unison, and would be more acceptable to the majority of farmers, than that of foreign importation. Therefore, it would be very desirable and gratifying to have the practical experience of the writer on this interesting subject, through the medium of the *Journal of Agriculture*.

The point on which your querist is desirous of information is not so much the point of the bee—that is easily ascertained by the sense of touch—as the method of managing these combative terrorists. First in order is the capacity of hive best adapted to the climate of Nova Scotia. The location of apiary—the distance apart the hives should be placed, and their elevation from the ground. The winter arrangement—whether they