

Mr. McKnight—Might I not ask if this is not the man of straw that we have set up and we are voluntarily throwing him down. Is is a fact there are such men in the country?

The President—It is a fact. Your Executive was advised to recommend men who could go around and talk bees at the Farmer's Institutes. We said it was difficult thing to do, as some of our men were good talkers, they could entertain an audience for two hours and at the end of that time they would not know how much about bee-keeping. The practical bee-keepers had were not good talkers.

Mr. McKnight—I think it is due this association that if there are any such men in it and if they have been pointed out as eligible for their position we ought to know it.

Mr. M. B. Holmes, Athens—People come to me to buy bees, and I say here are the bees and this is my price, and if you are not prepared to give them the time and study that is required, you had better let the specialist attend to it and you try some other line.

Mr. Pridgle—I was asked by Mr. Hodson to take a tour with the Farmer's Institute, and speak on Bee Culture, and for the Department of Agriculture. I declined; you made this statement that we cannot have too many expert bee-keepers get too close together.

The Chairman—This is a big country.

Mr. Pringle—There is a choice province and that is Ontario and here it is possible to get too many expert bee-keepers because just as soon as they get more than the locality can supply, they are getting too many.

Moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, that the minutes of the last meeting be taken as read. (Carried).

Moved by Mr. Holtermann, seconded by Mr. Sherrington that By-law No. 15 be amended so as to read December instead of January. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holtermann, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that clause 6 be rescinded. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holtermann, seconded by Mr. Sherrington, that By-law No. 13 be amended to read "That each affiliated Association be entitled to send two delegates to this Association." Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington for 250 copies of bulletin No. 1 on bees and bee-keeping.

Moved by Mr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Darling that a committee of five be appointed by the president to draw a By-law

to provide for the election of directors and to re-organize districts. Carried.

Wednesday, January 15th, 1896, 7 p. m.

The president in the chair.—Committee appointed at the afternoon session to draw by-law for the election of directors, report as follows:—The committee unanimously recommend and submit as a solution in regard to by-law 19, that said by-law be recommended as follows:

Each affiliated association shall be entitled to the privilege of two delegates to the meeting of the association; said delegates if not already members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association shall have their membership fee paid out of the \$5 affiliation fee paid by the affiliated society, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members of the association, the year to terminate in the next affiliation fee becomes due.

Signed:

Allan Pringle.

R. F. Holtermann.

J. E. Pirth.

On motion the report was adopted.

Mr. Evans—And should not the public be made acquainted with the fact that a bee-keeper has foul brood?

Mr. Calvert—Mr. A. I Root published in his own paper the fact that he had foul brood and it did harm his business in any way.

Mr. McKnight—Does it not do the honey man more harm to conceal the fact that certain parties have foul brood, than it would to publish it; does it not leave it on the mind of the consumer that every man's honey is affected by foul brood? and I do not think that our inspector should publish to the world that any man's apiary is rotten with foul brood. I say that statement has the effect of making people suspicious of buying honey, and I would like to see our inspector put that word under his feet and keep it there as long as he lives.

Mr. McEvoy—He has got me in a tight place. I did not see it in that way; he is right. I should not use the word rotten, because a person that did not understand bees might be misled.

Mr. Pringle—I think the word is too strong. I think I suggested that to the inspector during the time he was under my direction as president. This is a delicate question, and there is only one solution to it; there is no doubt the principle Mr. McKnight sets out is strong but it is founded upon a wrong impression. If you publish the names of those who have foul brood it would be in your annual report at that time the publication would do no good and a great deal of harm, because the very man who would be published as having