

Mr. Mason: Mr. Holtermann is on the right track as a business man and I don't see why the Government should not aid us as well as the pork men. The product of the bee is equal to the product of the hog or anything else and if the Government has to step in and see we do not pollute the British market with poor apples or pork they have the same right to step in to see we do not give the people of Britain a wrong impression with regard to honey. All we have to do is to appoint a responsible and capable man in Montreal to receive our honey who can judge this honey and if it is not proper return it at the senders expense and he won't repeat it. Then have a responsible person at the other end to dispose of the honey. We do not want any \$50,000 capital; we can all lay out of our honey a few weeks and the man at Montreal can send back what every man is entitled to. I don't think you would have the least trouble in handling 20,000 pounds in this way and in a short time every bee-keeper would know exactly what kind of honey to send. I thought when I heard of this exchange that is just the way they were going to do.

The President: We would need to be incorporated to do anything like Mr. Mason says and we would need to have more money than we had last year to do that. It would cost about \$130 for incorporation papers.

Mr. Pettit: As to what our Honey Exchange Committee is to do for us next year I would suggest in the meantime until we decide to form a stock company or do something like that, that they go on as they have been doing collecting statistics in the spring, number of colonies that have come through the winter and the conditions they are in, and at different times during the summer as to

the prospects and the honey that is coming in and get these reports to the members as quickly as possible that the men would have an idea of what the market is to be, what is to be done and what the prices will probably be. I think this is all the committee can do at present. I think it will be well worth the membership fee to have the reports.

Mr. Holtermann: I understand there were sixty-two members of that honey exchange last year paid one dollar membership fee. If what is to be done is simply to gather those statistics and send those reports out, why not use the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association to do that.

Mr. Sibbald: I move, seconded by Mr. Byer that the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association appoint a Committee to collect crop reports and distribute the same to the members, also to approach the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa with a view to establishing a market in England with power to arrange a system of grading and inspection under special Act of Parliament.

The President: Put the motion which, on a vote having been taken, was declared carried.

Mr. Byer: I believe this Committee did everything they could and did a lot of hard work, especially Mr. Couse, and he has received no remuneration whatever and while I will not put it in the form of a resolution I would suggest that he receive the balance that is left over. However I take pleasure in moving that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered our Committee for this last year for the work they have done.

Mr. Pettit: I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The President put the motion, which, on having been taken, was declared carried.