

yield of clover and darker grades of honey in Western Ontario, while that of the Eastern part and the Eastern Provinces was almost a total failure; that prices were now advancing, but too late to benefit the majority of bee-keepers, many having parted with their product at lower prices, believing that the crop was generally large. He thought that if the industry were properly looked after that crop reports might be taken up at a time to guide and benefit the bee-keeper in this dissection.

Mr. Shaver, President Brant Bee-keepers' Association, spoke of the season and its results in his vicinity, reporting a good yield from clovers and failure or shortage from basswood and other sources.

Mr. Craig complimenting the association on the intelligence and progress of its members, spoke of the possibilities of bee-keeping, recommending a higher aim in the production of a first-class article, and that such will always command a first-class price.

At this juncture the following resolution was introduced:

Moved by M. C. Beaupre, seconded by John Murphy, and resolved, that we are in entire sympathy with the action of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, and also of the York and Brant Counties Association in asking the Dominion Government to take in hand the development of bee-keeping in Canada and in their recommending Mr. R. F. Holtermann to the position of apiarist at Ottawa.

That the secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Mr. John Charlton, M. P., asking him to use his influence in the above direction, and to place the importance of the development of bee-keeping in Canada before the Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Pegg supporting the motion referred to the interest and encouragement the government had given to other industries. He considered that it was now time that bee-keeping should be placed on a similar basis, and receive from them the attention which its importance demands. Canada having this year especially taken her place among the nations as a land of milk and butter and of cheese, we want her to be known also as a land of honey, and so "The land of milk and honey."

Mr. Murphy, in support of the motion, endorsed the statement of Mr. Pegg, that we want a man who will let people outside of Canada know of her honey producing abilities.

Mr. Calvert said that care should be observed about this matter, everyone should not go into bee-keeping, very few

succeeded, and it required more intelligence and knowledge than farming.

Mr. Beaupre said that an equal to Mr. R. F. Holtermann could not be found for the work of developing the industry, that his writings and efforts have always been along right lines and to the interest of bee-keepers. The difficulty with most bee-keepers has been to find a market for the product rather than to produce. He believed that Mr. Holtermann in the position suggested would not only develop the industry but would also help to find an outlet for our surplus.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

Do Bee-Keepers' Conventions Pay?

G. M. DOOLITTLE.

A stay-at-home bee-keeper writes that he does not attend bee-keepers' conventions, as he never supposed that there was enough gained to pay for the expense and trouble, winding up his letter with the question which I have placed at the head of this article. As the writer is a reader of *THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL*, I will, with your permission, Mr. Editor, say a few words for print on the matter.

It depends very much upon the spirit in which bee conventions are conducted, whether they pay or not. If they are simply for the purpose of getting a crowd of bee-keepers together, the majority of whom are obliged to listen to the personal quarrel of some individuals or the dissatisfaction of a few who wish to discuss the faults of other bee men, or for the express purpose of advertising the wares that certain individuals or supply-dealers have for sale; then such conventions are not beneficial. If, on the contrary, persons convene wholly for the purpose of discussing subjects connected with the practical part of bee-keeping, each one freely imparting the knowledge on any subject which he or she can add their mite to, so that all are willing to give an equivalent for the knowledge gained; then, I say, bee conventions pay fully as largely as any other part of any bee-keeper's life. There are three points to be kept in mind in attending conventions, if we would make them pay. The first is, we should forget all the cares and worry which have pressed upon us during the year, and go to the convention like a boy let loose from school, to recuperate our health and life by a free and social intercourse outside of