

Prof. James: Have you an executive committee of this society?

The President: Yes.

Professor James: I suppose if this is gone on with it will probably be more or less directed by the department and I suppose if we felt that the Executive Committee had the support of, or had the society at its back we could simply call on them.

Mr. Hall: That is the shorter way.

Mr. Morrison: I would suggest we all think over the matter and decide when the question comes up to-morrow that next year we meet in Toronto, leaving the date of meeting to be fixed by the Executive, and if they can arrange to meet with the Fruit Growers Association to do so and if not to fix a date for ourselves, but to use every effort to fall in line with the suggestions of Prof. James.

The secretary read communications from the Honorable Mr. Dryden and from Mr. W.H. Bunting, President of the Fruit Growers Association, re holding a joint convention in Toronto.

Prof. James: The idea is not that you sink your identity; you will hold your meetings separately and perhaps have one joint meeting for instance in the evening.

Mr. Byer: What about Prof. James' suggestion as to appointing a committee to meet this railway commission?

Prof. James: The Fruit Growers Association have had a Transportation Rates Committee working for three or four years and they are just beginning to make headway. You know how difficult it is to get anything at all. If you start this year you may perhaps get something in a couple of years from now. It might be a good idea to appoint a committee to co-operate with other committees of a similar character.

Mr. Lott moved, seconded by Mr. Dickenson, that a vote of thanks be

tendered to Prof. James for his able address and the valuable suggestions contained in it, which was carried with applause.

Prof. James: I am very much obliged to you. I have enjoyed your meeting and the flow of eloquence we have heard this afternoon was quite refreshing. We do not meet with that very often in our conventions.

I didn't know there was so much dormant eloquence in this society and it has certainly been raised in my estimation very much indeed. You have got the energy here if you only use it in the right direction.

At this stage the discussion on the report of the Inspector of Apiaries was resumed after which the President put the motion to adopt the report, which, on a vote having been taken, was declared carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the current year:

President: J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville.

Vice-Presidents:— H. G. Sibbald, Claude; R. H. Smith, St. Thomas.

Secretary: Wm. Couse, Streetsville, Ont.

Treasurer, Martin Emigh, Holbrook, Ont.

District

No 1—W. J. Brown, Chard.

No 2—J. K. Darling, Almonte.

No 3—M. B. Holmes, Athens.

No 4—C. W. Post, Trenton.

No 5—J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville.

No 6—H. G. Sibbald, Claude.

No 7—Geo. Wood, Wesley.

No 8—Jas. Armstrong, Cheapside.

No 9—R. H. Smith, St. Thomas.

No 10—Geo. A. Deadman, Brussels.

No 11—F. J. Miller, London.

No 12—Samuel Wood, Nottawa.

No 13—Prof. Harrison, O.A.C. Guelph.

Inspector of Apiaries: Wm. McEvoy, Woodburn.

Assistant Inspector: F. A. Gemmill, Stratford.

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