

Annual Meeting —

Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association

HELD AT BRANTFORD, ONT.....

(Continued).

The Chairman.—The Hon. Mr. Hardy was to occupy this chair to-morrow evening, but for some cause or another he cannot be here to-morrow evening, and as he is here, we would like a few words from him.

Hon. A. S. Hardy.—Mr. Chairman and gentleman. You see how eager I was to take the chair by getting here twenty-four hours before time. I stopped over on my way from the North to-day, thinking it was the evening of Wednesday. I do not know how I made the mistake. Seeing you were in session, I came over, as it will be difficult for me to return to-morrow. I take this opportunity of being here to welcome you to our good city. I am pleased and delighted to see so many men who came expressly to take part in the discussion relating to this ever-growing and agreeable institution connected with bees and honey. I trust your meeting may be profitable to yourselves and that the time spent here may be pleasant and agreeable, and that you may go away with pleasant recollections of our good town. When passing through Switzerland some few years ago, I was surprised to find at breakfast Swiss honey, and it was looked upon as an article of diet, to which we took most kindly. It was always in use. I am glad to find it is coming more and more into general use in this province. I have no doubt that the industry established here to make apiary appliances has done a good deal to popularize the work which you yourselves are doing, while it has given to the firm, I believe, a name that is very complimentary to them and an advantage to our city and the province at large, and I see their trade is also extending to the United States. I do not fail to remember the magnificent display you made at the Industrial Exhibition last year; it was one that cause a great deal of comment in private conversation and in the press. It was very creditable to your organization, and showed your institution was a live institution. I also remarked the marked

superiority of the display at Chicago, and I believe you had an exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition, and we have taken the trouble to have samples sent over to the Imperial Institute. We have also voted enough money to pay for your Inspector's salary; and we have also paid for a course of lectures, under our esteemed and learned citizen, Mr. Holtermann, at the Agricultural College. These are steps, in the right direction. I believe you get a grant of, in some form or other, \$500. I suppose that is all you desire. If it is not, you can trust to Mr. Holtermann and your President and other officers to make known your many wants, and we will, at all events ourselves, hold an open ear to real wants in connection with any of these institutions in the form of agriculture, and do all we can to promote their well being. I shall not in my general talk, detain you from your more interesting discussions of the methods employed which lead to the prosperity and progress of your creditable and most interesting discussions. (Applause.)

Mr. Pettit.—I was just going to say that the Committee appointed to get over the difficulty of meeting the provisions of the new act, which confined us to nine members instead of thirteen. Our Secretary, Mr. Holmes, is prepared to read the report.

Mr. Holmes.—Your Committee appointed to map out a plan for the election of officers for this Association, would beg to report as follows:—We would recommend that for the present year this Association elect a President and two Vice-Presidents and nine Directors, as follows: One of the above officers from each of the following districts, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13, and that the Board of Directors so elected should name a Secretary from District No. 6. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I beg to move the adoption of the report.

Mr. Pettit.—I have great pleasure in seconding the motion. (Report adopted.)

Mr. J. E. Frith.—We had a very able speech to-night from the Hon. Mr. Hardy, and as the business was resumed very abruptly, there was no chance to move a