

R. F. HOLTERMAN.—Said "That J. B. Hall, of Woodstock did not use separators and he was known as one of the best comb honey producers in Canada. Mr. Hall said, however, that it was necessary to keep the bees very strong."

FOUL BROOD.

MR. McARTHUR, YORKVILLE.—Introduced the subject by stating there were lots of cases in and around the city; he had himself cured quite a number of colonies for others, he adopted the Jones method of starvation with very successful results. Messrs Grainger and Duke had lost their whole apiary; the cause of the loss in this instance, being, he believed, through robbing affected colonies belonging to others. Had starved some colonies eight days, others three days, the least affected standing the longer confinement.

MR. HOLTERMAN, explained some methods of curing foul brood.

F. H. Macpherson did not think it was so much the methods of cure that Mr. McArthur desired to learn as means to force the suppression of the disease when it existed in an apiary, and prepared the following:

Resolved, That at the next annual meeting the advisability of procuring legislative action for the suppression of foul brood be considered, and that this meeting is of the opinion that active steps are necessary for suppression of this foul disease.

INCORPORATION.

The President stated that during the day he had looked up the statute incorporating the Association; also that he had called on the Commissioner of Agriculture to ascertain what action we needed to take to bring ourselves into line with the Act; and that as the result of his inquiries he found that there were certain steps to be taken, which he proceeded to specify. After some discussion, it was

Resolved, That as the constitution of this Association requires that the time and place of the annual general meeting shall be fixed by open vote of the Association, Toronto, 7th and 8th December, be selected as the time and place of the annual general meeting for the current year.

That the present membership and official appointments hold good until then.

That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare such amendments to the constitution and by-laws as may be necessary to conform to the Act of incorporation.

That the secretary at once make the sworn return of the number of members and paid

subscriptions required by the Act of Incorporation.

Resolved, That the Association do now adjourn until Dec. 7th, 1886.

In reference to the *Rural Canadian* which was being supplied to the members of the association it was on motion:

Resolved. That the arrangement be continued (with the assent of the publisher) with the *Rural Canadian* until the annual meeting, and that the proper proportion of the annual fee be paid therefor.

After which the meeting adjourned, to meet again at the date as embodied in the above resolution.

AN OPEN LETTER.

THE subjoined was forwarded by the Rev. Wm. Clarke to the *Toronto World* in reply to certain paragraphs in that paper:

To the Editor of the World.

SIR:—My attention has been called to your notices of my little book on bee-keeping. Why you should speak of me as "our one time reverend brother," I cannot imagine. I am as "reverend" now as I ever was, or any of the cloth are to whom that absurd prefix is applied. The revival of an old slanderous epithet, and its use by you in two issues of your paper, I resent as uncalled for insults. I cannot object to your making quotations from my book, but I can and do demand that they shall not be garbled, as in

the case which occurred in your issue of the 31st ult. You insert a passage about the drones, viz.:—

"Behold those portly aldermanic bees,

"*Otium cum dig*," and "go it as you please,"

and omit, for some reason best known to yourself, the two following lines:—

"Their mottoes, while each plump, well-rounded rib

Proves that they fatten at the public crib."

Against this kind of thing I have a right to protest, and do protest, accordingly.

WM. F. CLARKE.

Guelph, Sept. 2nd, 1886.

ON PAINTING HIVES.

For The Canadian Bee Journal.

ON page 406 of the C. B. J., in foot note to Mr. Heddon's article, you touch on the subject of painting hives, etc., and say that in future you will change your style of painting from all white to that of Mr. H's. In the centre of our garden is an hexagonal apiary of 37 hives painted white, with red sun-caps—well it don't suit me—but you see we commenced with white hives and we like to have them all alike. Next spring they will need re-painting.