

EVENING SESSION,

CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT.

Mr. A. I. Root asked what could be done to secure a proper classification of freight as pertains to bee-hives, honey and apianian goods. Bee hives are different from what they were once, they no longer have drawers and glass boxes, but the railroad still class them with looking-glasses, and place the rate on extracted honey higher than on syrup. These things need righting.

After some discussion it was voted that Mr. T. G. Newman be requested to see what could be done in the matter, and that he be instructed to present a bill for whatever expenses he incurred.

PLACE FOR HOLDING NEXT CONVENTION.

It was decided by vote to hold the next convention at Toledo, O. The time for holding the meeting to be fixed by the executive board.

Election of officers resulted as follows :

President, Dr. A. B. Mason, Auburndale, O. ;
Secretary, W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich. ;
Treasurer, Mrs. L. Harrison, Peoria, Ill.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Illinois, Dr. C. C. Miller, Marengo ; Indiana, I. R. Good, Nappanee ; Florida, G. W. Webster, Lake Helen ; Iowa, Eugene Secor, Forest City ; Michigan, W. E. Gould, Fremont ; New York, G. M. Doolittle, Borodino ; Ohio, Miss Dema Bennett, Bedford ; Ontario, R. F. Holtermann, Brantford ; Wisconsin, Franklin Wilcox, Mauston ; Vermont, A. E. Manum, Bristol ; Quebec, H. F. Hunt, Villa Mastai.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Newman for his services in securing such a good place for holding the convention, also for obtaining reduced rates at the Commercial Hotel, etc., and regrets were also expressed that sickness prevented him from attending all the sessions of the convention.

The Secretary was voted \$35 for his services.

A discussion then followed on :

THE CHAPMAN HONEY PLANT.

The main point under discussion was whether it was advisable to try and induce the government to add the seed to its list of seeds for free distribution. Mr. Chapman was present and explained how much work it was to gather and dry the seed. He had about 1200 pounds, and it was worth \$2 a pound. Nearly all who spoke were opposed to the raising of anything for honey alone, unless it was something that would spread and take care of itself, and, upon an expression (not a vote) being taken, it was found that opinion was equally divided, and the matter was dropped.

Then came a short discussion upon :

SHIPPING HONEY.

In reply to question, Mr. Burnett said honey ought always to go by freight. When sent by express the rapid handling, the tossing from one man to another, breaks loose the combs ; and it is more difficult to collect damages of an express than a railroad company. A difference in size and style of crate is desirable ; as a rule, however, single tin cases are preferable, and small cases are more saleable.

James Heddon thought commission houses were dirty places for honey, the rolling out and in of dirty boxes and barrels and hen coops, and the dust from sweeping soiled the crates. In shipping honey he was careful to get a clean can, if it was not clean he cleaned it. He put straw under the cases and packed it around them between them and the sides of can. He also boarded across in front of them. When the honey reached its destination it would be loaded upon a dirty dray, the cases stepped upon with dirty shoes, and so the daubing continued. The only clean cases of honey he had seen on Water St. were some sent by Mr. Hutchinson, and they were wrapped with paper. He thought commission houses should be kept cleaner, and a clean dray, with springs, kept to cart in the honey.

Mr. Burnett said Mr. Hutchinson had requested the removal of the paper wrappings upon the arrival of the honey, which showed that he did not fear the soiling of the crates after they reached their destination.

A. I. Root had been down on South Water St. and thought the commission houses not as clean as they ought to be. Perhaps they could do no better, but, were he a commission merchant, he would try.

N. W. Betsinger said that the crates were soiled en route. In the first place they were piled up on a dirty floor in the depot before shipping, then carried into a car with a dirty floor, when the soiled bottoms of the bottom tier of crates now come in contact with the tops of other crates. When the car was unloaded the bottom tier, which had been soiled on the car floor came in contact with the top of other crates, and each time the crates were handled there was a farther distribution of the dirt. To this might be added the cinders and dust that came in through the cracks around the doors, also the marks left by grimy fingers.

The convention now adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday.

The discount off prices as found in our catalogue for hives, sections and all goods which will not be wanted for use till next season will be 10 per cent till further notice. t.f.