

ANNUAL MEETING ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. R. F. Whiteside—There are one or two points in Prof. Harrison's address that impressed me, one was with reference to holding the meetings. Where there are two or three counties that are holding meetings, if they could arrange them on consecutive dates, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, for instance, then we could arrange to hold those meetings in succession, and the man who might be appointed could go to one place on the Wednesday and the other places on the Thursday and Friday. I think this would increase the attendance. I attended one meeting last spring and instead of finding about twenty or thirty there as there ought to have been, there were only four or five. Now, we want something to make our meetings more interesting and we would have a better attendance. It is very much like the religious meetings. If we were going to have some great man from England or China or some place at the meeting we will have a house full, and I think that would be a good idea for our societies. With regard to what Prof. Harrison said about increasing bee-keepers, there are two ways of looking at that Mr. Holtermann can either get more bees and put them out there or he can tell somebody that there is a fortune in it. He could say there are thousands that never have honey and if you don't get at it I am going to put my bees there, and that would make them think there was a business end to it. (Laughter). Taking it from Professor Harrison's standpoint the government ought to say to every individual that raises Alsike clover for instance, that it is a benefit to them, and

to their interest to cultivate bees, not only from what they would get from the bees themselves, but the extra profit they would get from the alsike fields. I suppose I am rather voting against myself in seconding Prof. Harrison in this respect, but as a government official I think he is on the right line. I think the government should be supported in this. I do not know about the market.

The President—The discussion is going on very nicely. There is another question besides raising the best honey and that is how to get people to eat more honey.

Mr. Deadman—One great point at the very beginning is to educate the public so that they can tell good and bad honey, so that they will not simply take anything in the shape of honey, and then say that honey is no good. In this case one can be as "wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove." I have gone through most of these meetings and I have come to the conclusion if you want to keep a man out of bee-keeping you can be perfectly honest with him and perfectly candid with him. Sometimes it would appear that to tell the truth is against your own interests, but impress upon them that while it will benefit them to keep a few hives, it will drive other people out. That is the right way and I believe in letting that thing take care of itself.

Mr. George Laing—They say that self-preservation is the first law of nature, and if Prof. Harrison could demonstrate that by starting a great many more in bee-keeping and making good bee-keepers out of them we could get ten or twelve cents a pound for all the honey we could raise. I don't think there is a man here that wouldn't want to educate all the men in the country in bee-keeping. There are some of us make our living out of bee-keep-

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