

Annual Meeting

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Bee-Keepers' Association

HELD AT BRANTFORD, ONT.....

(Continued).

Mr. Pringle—The comb-honey that I have raised is all sold in the local market with very few exceptions. I did send a little to New York by special order this fall, and it went in perfect condition. I think that where honey is to be shipped a long distance, as Mr. Hall has said, that a full sheet of foundation to insure its attachment all around would perhaps be better. In that case, only the very best ought to be used. There is a great deal in the packing of honey to ship; did Mr. Frith inquire as to the packing?

Mr. Frith—I took a great deal of pains to inquire into all the details of the packing, and I was satisfied that the packing in many cases was not right.

Mr. Pringle—I do not care how your comb honey is produced or how much foundation you may have used. If you are shipping it a long distance, and if you do not pack it right you will break it. When I was at Chicago at the World's Fair, after I had opened all my honey not a single section was broken. The honey came in there from States not far off, and I saw it running over the floor of the Agricultural Building, enough to almost sicken a bee-keeper. It is all from bad backing. When you come to examine the sections you find they were all filled and attached all around but still they were broken up. It is true I superintended the handling of my own honey; still I think the honey I took would have stood a good deal of handling. The honey produced in my sections without any foundation is better than any honey you can produce with foundation.

Mr. Darling—I do not know that I have ever used full sheets of foundation. I have put them in just enough to start the bees, I have used the best, I do not ship comb honey at all. On one occasion some parties were going to Pilot Mound, that is past Winnipeg, and they wanted some fifty pounds of comb honey, and they applied to me. My honey being built on starters and not one section in one hundred that had not pop holes around the edge. I felt dubi-

ful whether I could fix that honey so that it would go there safely, and they said they would take the chance, and I packed fifty pounds in a box and made it so that it fit in a trunk. I put in the best sections I had, I took the box to the man's house and put it in the trunk. I saw some of the friends of the parties afterwards, and I am glad to say it went not only to Winnipeg, but to Pilot Mound safe and sound.

Mr. McEvoy—I will tell you what I think about it; if we get the best wax, nice and white, about 11 or 12 feet to the pound, and fill your sections full, there will be no trouble about the fish-bone, and it will be all right.

Mr. Chrysler—Twelve feet to the pound 7½ and 8 feet to the pound might be brought to the same result by treating and building the foundation as far as the fish-bone is concerned.

Mr. Frith—When I spoke before I was speaking with reference to the foundation part of the affair. If you are satisfied with the questions of the foundation I would really like to make a more prominent question about sending honey away. I feel that there might be a very material improvement made in shipping comb honey. Mr. Pringle intimated he had no losses, and Mr. Darling said he had no loss in sending to Pilot Mound, but neither of them have said whether their method would be practical in shipping large quantities of honey to send out of this market, and perhaps some in this audience have tried their hand in sending their honey to Manitoba, and if they could devise some method of reaching that country with comb honey there would be a good opening there for years to come, and the probabilities are that when we have a good crop here they will have a poor crop on the other side of the continent.

Mr. Sparling—I think the great difficulty in marketing comb honey this year has been in getting it to market. I suppose in going to the Northwest the cars would be shunted a good deal.

Mr. Hall—I have shipped honey to the Northwest. I have shipped \$110 worth of