

Another matter of the first importance for your careful deliberation will be the "Amendments to the Foul Brood Act," passed at our last Convention. In this connection I might say that during the last session of the Legislature Mr. Dryden requested Messrs. Hall, Chrysler, Couse and myself to meet him to confer regarding those amendments. Mr. Hall, owing to illness, unfortunately, was unable to be present.

Several matters of importance laid over from our last meeting are to come before you—the suggested decrease in the number of directors being one. Whether the number of directors can be reduced with advantage is worthy your serious consideration and I trust will be considered solely on its merits.

At our meeting we found Mr. Dryden most sympathetic and anxious to do anything to meet our wishes that might promise to be for the advantage of bee-keeping. He doubted the wisdom of the amendments as drawn and pointed out that we were handing over to the local associations, without retaining any control, power to expend the grant made to our association and advised that we as the parent society, should keep the control in our own hands.

After a very free discussion we recommended that the amendments be not brought before the Legislature, but be printed in our annual report in order that the members give them further consideration and that we might bring them before our next meeting for discussion.

This question of Foul Brood I consider one of the most important before us. In a matter of so great importance, it is unfortunate that we have no record to enable us to arrive at a conclusion as to what progress is being made in eradicating the disease in the province. The question is: Are we making progress or merely "marking time."

I have pointed out to our inspector

that his reports convey little information in this regard, and have suggested that he give the work done, by counties, number of apiaries inspected in each county, number in which disease was found, number of colonies inspected in each apiary and number diseased.

In this manner we could gain some idea as to what progress is being made. A plan which I would recommend would be to require the inspector to keep a record book for the executive of our association, giving county and apiary inspected, date of first inspection, number of colonies in apiary, number inspected, number found diseased, date of second inspection and conditions in which then found.

In this manner we would have a permanent record and could see what was being accomplished.

The practice of making complaints regarding inspection to the Department of Agriculture is one, I think, to be depreciated. It is an annoyance to the department and a disparagement of your officers who are entrusted with the direction and control of the inspector, who is the officer of this association. With us lies the power of appointment and dismissal, therefore, this, I consider, the proper place to bring complaints, or, to your officers.

The program which is before you, I think, an attractive one, and I trust our deliberations may be pleasant and profitable.

EXTRACTED HONEY.

(By Morley Pettit, Belmont, Ont.)

The main products of our industry are comb honey and extracted honey, and in this country we produce the latter much more extensively than the former. It will be seen then that my subject is almost as broad as the business itself. It naturally falls into two main divisions:

- (1) The production of extracted honey.
- (2) The care and sale of extracted honey.

The quantity and quality of honey