

## Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association.

(Continued from issue of February 1st.)

## RIPENING HONEY—CONT'D.

**F.** A. GEMMELL,—Asked if the aroma had anything to do with the flavor?

J. B. Hall,—The temperature has a great deal to do with the ripening of honey, as also has the frequent change of the atmosphere. If a better place than the comb in the hive could be found for this purpose he wanted to know it. The thin combs, and the constant change of the air over the combs, caused by the "fanning," makes it just the place. The aroma that we got with honey ripened in the hive, was what took the prizes at the fairs.

R. McKnight,—Contended that more honey was rendered *uncured* after it was a month out of the combs than was extracted in a green state. The moisture has a better chance of absorption. Mr. Corneil seemed to think that there was no difference between flavor and aroma, but flavor was a permanent quality, while aroma was a floating. The aroma was the volatile principle of the essential oil from the flowers whence it is gathered. If you chew the flower you get the flavor; smell it and you get the aroma. The aroma was at its best just as the honey was taken from the hive—it passes off in time. To preserve it, seal the honey air-tight quickly. Speaking of the point at which honey would boil, he believed that Mr. Corneil was the first to announce the degree at which honey would boil— $235^{\circ}$ . It was impossible to boil honey in water because water never rises above  $212^{\circ}$ . The only effect that putting honey in boiling water would have, would be the loss of the aroma. To keep this bottle at once, when taken directly from the hive.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election resulted as follows, entirely by acclamation:

President—Allen Pringle, Selby, Ont.

Vice-Pres.—F. A. Gemmell, Stratford, Ont.

## DIRECTORS.

- District 1 —W. J. Brown, Chard.  
 " 2 —J. K. Darling, Almonte.  
 " 3 —M. B. Holmes, Athens.  
 " 4 —C. W. Post, Murray.  
 " 5 —S. Corneil, Lindsay.  
 " 6 —W. Couse, Streetsville.

District 7—A. Pickett, Nassagewaya.

" 8—F. A. Rose, Balmoral.

" 9—M. Emigh, Holbrook.

" 10—R. McKnight, Owen Sound.

" 11—A. W. Humphries, Parkhill.

" 12—R. F. Holtermann, Romney.

" 13—R. H. Smith, Bracebridge.

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Directors had the appointing of the next place of meeting, but it was thought advisable that the Annual Meeting should suggest a point; it was therefore, moved by R. Meyers, seconded by F. H. Macpherson, that the City of London be suggested to the Directors, as the next place of meeting.—Carried.

## A THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Moved by D. A. Jones, seconded by A. Laing, that a three day's session be held.—Carried.

## AUDITORS.

D. Anguish and J. B. Hall, were elected auditors.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

The following letter was read by the Secretary, regarding the

## COLUMBIAN EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO.

HON. W. COUSE.

Secretary, O. B. K. A., Streetsville.

Dear Sir,—I hope your Association, at its meeting on the 7th, will take such action as will lay the foundation for an exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, as shall represent your well known Association.

It is the purpose of this Department to furnish you such information as you desire, and to be of assistance to organizations like your own in every way possible. I shall be glad to have a copy of your proceedings, and shall take pleasure in answering any inquiries you may desire to make.

W. T. BUCHANAN,

Chief Dept. of Agriculture.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that until the Ontario Government decides what part it will take in regard to an exhibit, the Association would be unable to say anything definitely.

On motion of D. Chalmers, seconded by R. H. Myers, the sum of \$25 was tendered to President Pringle, as a slight compensation for the extra services in connection with the enforcement of the Foul Brood Act.—Carried unanimously.

The President was empowered to