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SPECIAL MEETING OF O. B. K. A.

REGARDING THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBIT.

Queen's Hotel, Toronto, Jan. 12, '86.

The special meeting of the executive committee and members of the O. B. K. A., called by the President to consider the matter of sending an exhibit of honey to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held at London, England, this year, 1886, the following members were present: D. A. Jones, Dr. Thom, J. Spence, S. Corneil, J. B. Hall, W. Goodger, A. G. Willows, R. McKnight, M. Emigh, Ira Orvis, the President (S. T. Pettit,) and Secretary. President in the chair.

The President read an answer to a letter he had sent to Mr. A. W. Wright, one of the Ontario agents of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, which was particularly in regard to sending this years' (86) crop of honey. The answer was quite encouraging.

There was some discussion in regard to the necessary space for the Association to make an exhibit.

Mr. Jones having applied individually for 4000 square feet to the Ontario agents of the C. & I., he was asked if he would be willing to transfer the space (4000 feet) to the O. B. K. A., to which he kindly agreed, if the Association would send an exhibit, otherwise the space to be returned to the bee-keepers of Ontario who will make an exhibit.

Moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Association make an exhibit.—Carried.

Mr. Corneil wished to know the object in sending the exhibit. Mr. McKnight gave some reasons as follows: That by sending the exhibit it would open a market in England for any surplus crop of honey that may accumulate in the future, as will likely be the case; even if we do sacrifice a little at present, there will be a gain in the future. It

would show the world that Ontario is valuable for the production of honey as well as for many other things, and would encourage emigration to our Province.

Mr. McKnight proposed that we as an Association resolve ourselves into a committee and meet the Ontario Government and Commissioners of the C & I, exhibit as soon as possible with the view of getting aid and having matters arranged concerning shipping, exhibitors' fares, retailing honey while exhibition is going on, and sending this years' (1886) crop of honey and occupying the space until the crop could be sent, etc.

Moved by Dr. Thom, seconded by Mr. ———, that Messrs. Jones, Emigh, Hall, the President and Secretary-Treasurer be appointed a committee to look after all matters relating to intending exhibitors.

ADJOURNED TO NO. 6, WELLINGTON ST. W.

We got an interview with Messrs. Wright and Leith, agents of commissioner of Ontario for the C. & I. exhibition, and asked the following questions:

Will freight be paid by the Government from starting point?—Yes.

Will the space allotted to Mr. Jones be allowed to the Association to exhibit this years' (1886) crop of honey?—Yes, if it be utilized in some creditable way up to the time the honey crop is ready to exhibit.

Would we be allowed to retail honey while the exhibition is going on?—They thought there would be no difficulty about that if the main exhibit be left in order.

Will fares of commissioners or exhibitors be paid by the Government?—They were not sure, but thought not. (There was a suggestion made that we, the Association, approach the different R. R. officials in view of getting passes at reduced rates.)

Moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Dr. Thom, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Wright and Leith, for their kindly given information.

ADJOURNED TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,

Where an interview with the Hon. A. M. Ross, Commissioner of Agriculture, was had, with the object of getting a grant from the Local Government to assist the Association in sending the intended exhibit as the Association do not consider they are able to do so without some assistance.