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### THE O.B.K.A.

#### THE AFFILIATING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

**N**OW that our organisation is so far perfected that counties or districts may organise and attach themselves to the Central Association by affiliation—forms for which may be had from the Secretary,—it is to be hoped that in a goodly number, if not in all the districts local associations will be organised and affiliate themselves with the parental Society. It will be seen that the By-laws provide for assistance to such local associations out of the funds of the Central Association. It will be to the interest of every district in the Province to form itself into a local organised body and take advantage of what may be going in the way of assistance. To this end I would suggest that in every district in which no association exists, the Divisional Director call his brethren together at some central point for the purpose of organising when other matters of interest to themselves may be dealt with as well. It will be remembered that there must be at least five members of the O.B.K.A. in every local society before it can affiliate, but this should be no barrier in the way, as there are few, if any, districts in the province in which five such members are not to be found. After these five as many of the local members as please may or may not join the parent Society, and the Local Associations may make such by-laws as they please to regulate and govern their own proceedings. They may also make the membership fee of their own society as large or as small as they wish. Now is the time to organise, as spring will be on us in a little while with its accompanying duties.

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#### INSURING BEES, ETC.

**I**N reference to insuring bees when in a cellar or other repository as mentioned by Mr. Couse in the C.B.J., of Jan. 18th, I would say that I have mine insured on the three year's plan, the same as my dwelling is insured. It is taken at the same risk as the house, viz., one dollar for every \$100 insured, which is equal to 33½ per year, which I think is very reasonable. Of course the rate is governed by the building they are in, and its location, whether isolated or not. I understand that it would cost as much for five months as for a whole year, and as I have at all times some bee supplies, honey or wax, either in the cellar or garret, I think I may just as well have these always insured. The policy need not state what part of the house the

contents insured are in, as it may so happen that you have a ton or so of honey in some part of the building, which would then be protected by the insurance. The amount of insurance need not more than cover what you would like on the bees, for as a rule when the bees are in, the honey and other supplies would be out, and *vice versa*. I would say the best Insurance Co. is the Western and the agent is R. Cunningham, of Guelph, to whom due credit must be given for securing a low rate and specifying so particularly the articles insured. I cannot speak too highly of Mr. Cunningham as an insurance agent. My policy reads, "On bees in hives, crates, cases, frames, honey, apiarian supplies, and bees-wax." I think that is comprehensive enough although necessary, for we must remember if we only insured the bees it would not include the hives they are in, the frames in the hive, or the honey contained therein.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

**T**HE reports of the recent annual meeting of the Association held at Woodstock so far given in the two papers devoted to bee-keeping, will have supplied their readers with pretty full information respecting the work done there. I was unable to reach Woodstock until the second session of the Convention was well advanced, and therefore know little of what was done up till that time, except what I find in these published reports. After my arrival the greater part of the time was occupied in assisting to perfect the organisation of the Association under the new condition of things.

Before I reached the hall several papers were read and commented on, among these may be mentioned Mr. Malcolm's on "The Production of Extracted Honey," Mr. J. B. Hall's on "The Production of Comb Honey," and Mr. Pringle's on, "Ought Everybody to Keep Bees." Each of these would appear to have elicited more or less discussion. These were followed by "The President's Address," which seems to have passed without a word of comment. It is true there is little in it beyond what was known and commented on a year ago. But in one of its closing paragraphs he introduces a subject which is not devoid of interest to all of us. Upon this subject the now ex-President appears to have received new light. I purpose doing now—what was not done at the meeting—making a few observations on this paragraph. Before doing so I shall quote it, for I think it is worth repeating: "It will be remembered that a year ago I spoke