

afford, each of us, to do a little better than we have done before, which will result in the JOURNAL being more useful to us all and in that way we can, perhaps, assist Mr. Craig. That is about as brief as I can put the matter.

Mr. Pickett: Those who look after the business of the association know that our means are limited, and we should not go into anything that has even the appearance of extravagance. So far as an increase of government grant is concerned I am not sure that the success we have met with on other occasions would warrant us asking for more under existing circumstances. I think the Government would require to know that we really need this, and that it would be a vast improvement upon what we have had, and also that it is the wish of the province at large that such a Journal be maintained. In approaching the Minister of Agriculture for an increase some years ago I found, as perhaps many another has done, that the government is very careful, and while our demands were not extreme we did not succeed in getting all we asked for. At the present we are not suffering with any very great amount of indebtedness, and if we incur the liability that a journal would necessitate I fear that the members of the government would think we were asking rather much at their hands. I see no hope of any other source of gaining that point, and while I need not lay any claim to supporting the present journal, I am in hearty sympathy with those who are willing to try. I think the only method open at present is to leave it in the hands of the present owners.

#### Affiliated Societies' Report.

There have been eight societies in affiliation during the present year, as follows: Russell County, Halton and Peel, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford,

York, Glengarry and Brant. Each society received a grant of twenty dollars and these grants have been expended as directed by the by-laws governing such expenditures.

The reports of the increase of bees and the production of honey is not as full and satisfactory as usual—two societies not reporting.

The colonies reported in spring were 3108, in fall 3402, or about 9½ per cent. of increase. Comb honey produced 7679 lbs., or an average of 2½ lbs. per colony, and the extracted 53095 lbs., or an average of 17½ lbs. per colony. These averages show a very poor yield of honey, and we take it for granted that if all the societies had reported the average would have been less.

On the motion of Mr. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Heise, the report was adopted.

#### Inspectors' of Apiaries Report

(Read at the O. B. K. Convention, Toronto, by Wm. McEvoy, Woodburn.)

During 1899 I visited bee yards in the Counties of Haldimand, Norfolk, Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Wentworth, Lincoln, Wellington, Halton, Peel, York, Ontario and Simcoe. I inspected one hundred and twenty-six apiaries, and found foul brood in forty-seven of them.

In places where I never had been before is where I found nine-tenths of the foul brood apiaries the past season, and over three-fourths of the owners of these diseased apiaries did not know that their colonies had foul brood when I first visited them.

I took the greatest of pains to explain to the bee-keepers how to manage the business, so as to have every colony a good strong one, and in fine condition when they were cured of the disease.

In looking back over the nine years that I have inspected the apiaries in the Province of Ontario, I noticed