

Mr. James Hearley, of Strathroy, and J. B. Aches, were the nominees for vice-president. Mr. Aches was elected.

Mr. A. W. Humphries was elected Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$5 per year.

Representatives to Western Fair Board in London were James Hearley, Strathroy, and W. J. Wilson, Greenway.

Representatives to Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, A. W. Humphries, Parkhill, and F. Atkinson, Ailsa Craig.

Representatives from the Association to attend the International B. K. A. meeting to be held in Brantford Nov. 15th. James Husband, Cairngorm, J. B. Aches, Poplar Hill; James Hearley, Strathroy; John Morgan, Kerwood; W. J. Wilson, Greenway, F. Atkinson, Ailsa Craig, J. W. Gibson, Strathroy, A. W. Humphries, Parkhill; Thomas Wakem, Glen Oak, J. W. Parker, Strathroy; Edgar Husband, Cairngorm; L. J. Hixon, Glen Oak; Truman Crealey, Strathroy; M. J. Sifton, Strathroy; Thomas Winters, Strathroy; Wm. Buttery, Strathroy; Wm. Ireland, Strathroy.

Moved and seconded that the following accounts be paid, viz.—J. Darrach, \$2.50, Evans Bros., 50c., F. Atkinson, \$1.25, Age, 50 cents. Carried.

Moved by J. Hearley, seconded by J. Henderson, that the next meeting of this Association be held in Parkhill.—Carried.

The Secretary here read excuses from members of the Association who were unavoidably absent, D. Smith, Thedford, Wm. L. O'Neil, West McGillivray, D. A. Jones, Beeton, R. F. Holterman, Brantford, and others among whom was S. T. Pettit, who had given his promise to be present, but as he had heard that there had been a case of smallpox in London some time ago he wrote a note to the Secretary at the last moment saying he was afraid to pass through the city to come here from his home in Belmont. (Laughter.)

The President here vacates the chair. The new President takes his place with Vice-President Aches by his side. After a short address by President Wilson, who thanked the meeting for the honor conferred upon him and promised to fulfil the duties devolving upon him to the best of his ability, the question drawer was opened and a very interesting time it was to every bee-keeper present.

1st. Best method of feeding bees in March and April? Mr. Aches answers by saying: "Lest the public should think that by our answers we feed bees sugar or anything else to make honey which they offer to them, he would say that bees were only fed when they are short

of honey in the fall or spring, and it was to sustain life, and for that only, were they fed. He agreed with the Secretary that it was best to feed them honey if you had it, but rather feed them sugar than let them die. You may feed them granulated sugar syrup by means of feeders in the cellar, candy rouses them up. It is no trouble to feed them on a fine day outdoors, but the right time to feed them is in October. If they are short of stores, then give them enough to live on over winter, if they are in the cellar keep them dark and quiet, at an even temperature, and they will consume less stores."

J. W. Gibson says to feed them in the cellar with candy is the best.

Mr. Ireland says he kept his bees in the cellar and fed them every week one winter and got along well and had extra good swarms and early—but this year though he followed the same plan he had lost half his stock. This bothers the most expert bee-keepers. My bees do lots of swarming and are the earliest in the district to swarm. I feed granulated sugar.

What is the best kind of a cellar to winter in? Answer—Frost proof, well ventilated, even temperature and dry. Wm. Buttery says he has kept bees for forty years in clamps and has had good luck and bad, has wintered in a dry cellar when there was a furnace in one side and was the most successful. Mr. Stuart asks if they can be buried to advantage. A Voice—Do you mean hibernating? (Laughter.) Mr. Stewart says he is not joking. Mr. Buttery and Mr. Aches both say they have buried bees and kept them well and they did not use so much stores.

Which is the most profitable, to hive swarms on comb, full sheets of foundation or starters? Answer—1st, comb, 2nd, full sheets, 3rd, starters, unless it be mouldy or drone comb, which should not be used at all.

How do you manage a swarm when running for comb honey? W. J. Gibson says, fill the section with foundation, give them a start, put between the sections and have a zinc queen-excluder and give them plenty of room above.

Is it an advantage to divide colonies instead of natural swarming? Answer—Yes, if you want to run for increase or for stock. J. W. Gibson has successfully divided up one colony into six.

What is the best way to manipulate bees to prevent spring dwindling? Answer—The weather has most to do with it. Put thick cushions on and keep them warm as possible. Mr. Buttery took 14 hives out too soon, covered them over with blankets, had a hard time, but saved them. Mr. Aches says, keep them well supplied