

It is certainly desirable that we should satisfy ourselves on this point.

Speaking of Grimshaw's Apifuge Mr. McKnight, of Owen Sound, says in a late number of the *British Bee Journal*: "I see Mr. Grimshaw is defending his Apifuge against all assailants. I have a bottle of it here, but have not yet tested it, so cannot speak personally of its good or bad effects, but I had an opportunity of seeing it tested for another purpose than that of keeping bees at bay. The swamps of Canada and the United States teem with mosquitoes in the spring and early summer. When Mr. Cowan visited Mr. Jones at Beeton I accompanied him. While there we made an excursion into a neighboring swamp in search of the bee-plants. Mosquitos are especially fond of "green" blood (we call everybody "green" who has lately arrived from the old country.) The vicious insects 'went' for Mr. Cowan, and Mr. Cowan 'went' for the bottle of Apifuge he had in his pocket. Applying some of the contents to the wound from which the 'pesky' critter had withdrawn its long proboscis the usual swelling did not result, whilst another wound to which he did not apply the fluid, very soon developed the ordinary symptoms of local poisoning. If Apifuge proves an effective remedy for mosquito bites, there is an unlimited field of usefulness for it on this continent, for mosquitoes are a terrible pest to all who have to spend their time in the woods. Surveying parties, hunting and fishing parties, etc., often smear themselves with grease, paraffin and other supposed protections against their attacks. If Apifuge be a cure it will find a ready sale. Mr. Grimshaw may put this in his scrap book, and three witnesses will testify to its correctness when called upon."

THE NORTH AMERICAN BEE-KEEPERS' SOCIETY.

After the reading of Mr. R. A. Burnett's essay on "Commission Men and the Honey Market," the following discussion ensued:

E. J. Oatman advised bee-keepers to send their honey to only one commission man in the same city, otherwise it comes into competition with itself, and each commission man, in his anxiety to make sales, will cut prices.

President Miller preferred to sell in his home

market, but when he could do better by sending his honey to a commission man, he did so.

J. H. Robertson, Mich., would not give a cent for the best home market. He would not bother with it. He had not sold five pounds in his home market the last year.

J. A. Green, had lost nothing by dealing with commission men. He had dealt with many of them, using the ordinary precautions.

James Heddon said, in that convention that we were going to have last May, if we could have gotten the Chicago papers to have said that the bee-keepers had "squealed;" that the price of honey was too low; that it didn't grow on the bushes; that something must be done or they would be compelled to go out of the business—if we had only accomplished this much the effect would have helped us sufficiently to have paid for holding the convention.

Dr. A. S. Haskins, Mich., remarked that there was one more point that had not been touched upon, viz., statistics. The producers of grain, and the dealers, know what the crop is, and prices are governed accordingly. The same thing is needed with honey. We should not only know how much honey there is, but *where* it is.

President Miller said this was the one thing that it was possible for bee-keepers to do to help themselves. He did not want to throw cold water on any such scheme, but it was tried a few years ago to get some statistics, and the trouble was that so many would not report; would not even spend one penny to send in a report.

H. R. Boardman derived much benefit from reading the reports in the journals. He thought they ought to be encouraged.

N. W. McLain had done what he could to induce the Commissioner of Agriculture to include honey in the statistical reports; but said more could be done in this direction by bee-keepers writing to the Commissioner.

James Heddon said the short letters in the bee journals had covered three-fourths of the ground that could be covered by a statistical report furnished by the government. If these reports could be gathered and formulated by the editors, it would be an excellent thing.

Prof. Cook suggested that four bee-keepers be selected in each State to send regular reports to some bee periodicals; these men to be paid by the editors.

A. I. Root agreed to do this.

It was voted that, in the future, officers elected at the preceding meeting, shall continue their duties until the close of the convention.

The meeting then adjourned until 7.30 p.m.