

Seventeenth Annual Meeting

of the

Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association

Held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at the City of Toronto,
December 8th, 9th and 10th, 1896.

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Department to the subject. That is a matter that is entirely in your own hands. And I have no doubt that if representations came from a Committee of this Association, it would certainly come with much greater force than from any single individual in any outside part of the country. In regard to milk, it is the duty of the Department to cause a collection of samples whenever they think fit.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Best moved, seconded by Mr. McEvoy, that the Association take the precedence laid down by Mr. Macfarlane of having a Committee appointed to take action, to go through the matter in connection with the individual who brings the complaint forward and allow it to take its course as prescribed by the government; to let the Government collect the samples, and if it should fail the beekeepers will not be blamed quite so much probably as they would if they sent their samples there and paid their \$5. The government has broad shoulders, and if there is any blame attached to it, let the Government take it, and we will certainly have the thing properly investigated.

Mr. Gemmell.—Will the President appoint a Committee?

Mr. Darling.—Since we adopted by-laws yesterday that provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee, why not let that Executive Committee attend to this matter.

Mr. Best—I take pleasure in amending my previous motion, and moving, seconded by Mr. Gemmell, that the Executive Committee act in the capacity mentioned in my motion. Carried.

Mr. Pettit—I do feel this Association owes many thanks to Mr. Macfarlane and I rise to move a vote of thanks to him for the great help he has given us.

Mr. McKnight—I have very much pleasure in seconding that motion. It is certainly an honor to us and to every other kindred association to have such men as

Mr. Macfarlane amongst us and we recognize the good will of the Government in permitting officials like Mr. Macfarlane to come amongst us and give their opinions based upon extended experience and perfect knowledge of the particular department that they are entrusted with controlling.

I think we have a right to feel very much flattered indeed in this subsidiary branch of the great agricultural interests of the country in having Mr. Macfarlane here.

Mr. MACFARLANE—Before you put that motion or any other motion to the meeting I would just like to say that we civil servants are servants of the public, we are paid for serving them; we may not be able to serve them in every capacity; but what we do know, that we place at the service of such associations as this, provided they are willing to make use of it. It is our duty to do so and unless you insist upon it, the passage of any particular resolution thanking us for what we do is perhaps out of place. What we do we do as our duty.

The motion was carried by a rising vote. Mr. Holtermann tendered the vote of thanks to Mr. Macfarlane.

Mr. MACFARLANE—Without speaking at length on the subject, I may say I am very much obliged.

SECRETARY COUSE read the report of Affiliated Societies. Report received and adopted.

Mr. NEWTON raised the question as to the high freight rates charged on honey. Messrs. Allen, Couse, Pettit, Holtermann, McKnight and McEvoy took part in the discussion after which it was moved by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. McEvoy, that Messrs. Gemmell and Holtermann appointed a committee to wait upon the Classification Board, which meets in January next to arrange if possible for a lower classification of honey, which if obtained would reduce the freight rates thereon. Carried.

Mr. HOLTERMANN—I take great pleasure