

March C. B. J., kindly allow me space to explain my position in the matter. While only acting on that committee under protest nevertheless do not wish to shirk any responsibility, as I was influenced by no one directly or indirectly as regards taking the stand I did. In the first place would say that I am and always have been on the best of terms with our retiring president for 1902, and the Inspector of apiaries; however as the most of us are aware, there has been considerable ill feeling between these two gentlemen for some time, and when the Pre's. address was read, under the circumstances, there was "bound to be a row". As a matter of course such was the case and when Mr. Holtermann's motion was brought before the meeting, the majority of the members were quick to support the same, as the readiest measure of bringing to a close the disagreeable wrangle which had already occupied too much time. The two points mainly under discussion were these, whether the Inspector should make public the conditions of apiaries inspected, and as to whether he should inspect yards without having been so directed by the Pres. of the O. B. K. A. While section three of the Act says that the Pres. shall direct the Inspector where to go, it does not say that he SHALL NOT GO unless so directed. I am not prepared to say that this a legal interpretation, suffice to say that we chose to place that construction on it. There is nothing in the Act that requires the Inspector to give to the public or any one but the Minister of Agriculture details of his visits, indeed I think it would be a grave mistake if such was the case. Again, no reasonable person would expect, that in the short time at the Committee's disposal that any thing definite could be brought forth by way of recommending changes in the

Act. Realizing this, a clause was inserted in the report handed in, to that effect. Mr. Holtermann refers to the committee as being composed of men who have been on committee work in the association, for years, hinting at "expenses" etc. That statement in its entirety, is erroneous to say the least. Personally have never been on any previous committee or received any "expenses" in any connection with the O. B. K. A. at least one other member of the committee occupies much the same position. Knowing this Mr. Holtermann may have ignored us as really being part of the committee, if such was the case for my part I humbly beg pardon for what I have said and hereby tender acknowledgment of the compliment. In conclusion would say that there is much in Mr. Holtermann's article that I would endorse, particularly where he refers to bee-keepers being to much influenced by personal feelings. Am also free to say that there are some things in the foul brood Act that I do not approve of, and no one knows my views on this matter more fully than Mr. McEvoy himself. From a private source have received copies of resolutions passed at the recent meeting in Brantford, presuming that they will be published in the C. B. J. shall make no comments thereon. Would say however that when bee-keepers see the recommendations made to the Government, that all write the Hon. John Dryden giving their personal views on the question. If in favor of the resolutions say so, if not say the opposite, don't sit on the "fence" and then afterwards complain that things are not going to suit you.

Respectfully,

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