

present had was a farce; that the money was practically being frittered away to no purpose and that if the number of directors was restricted to five the business could be done quite as well.

Mr. Gemmell referred to the good work which had been done by Mr. McKnight in connection with the Association; that if it had not been for him the Association probably would not have the standing that it has to-day; that they had secured the government grant in order that the association might be made representative; the grant was given so that directors could be sent from different parts of the country for the benefit of the Association, and had it not been for that he thought we would never have had an association at all. He had attended meetings of the Association where there were not more than 25 present simply because it was a local meeting to a certain extent. He thought to appoint five directors and elect them in the towns where the meeting was held would result in a lack of representation and he thought it would be the greatest absurdity in the world.

Mr. McKnight, on being called upon to speak, was in a reminiscent mood, and entertained the convention with some of the facts connected with the early history of the association. He said that the country was giving the Association about \$500 a year, and something for the Inspector of Apiaries, and he asked whether the Association had not some right to return to the country something for the money that was being given them; that they were doing that to this extent, that they were giving the country now three pounds of honey, for the same price that a pound of butter would cost. The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association had given to the country a supply of honey, and that honey could be purchased at a reasonable price from every well organized grocery store.

In his concluding remarks he thanked the association for having called upon him to speak and he wished to say that he appreciated very much the gold watch which he still carried, which had been presented to him by the Association, an honor which he thought had not been bestowed upon any other past president, and there was nothing that he esteemed more highly than this gift, and in presenting him with it the association had done a great deal more for him than he had ever done for it.

Mr. Holtermann in discussing the question of the reduction of the number of directors, stated that in the county councils in this province the number of councillors has been very much reduced, and it was also known that there were perhaps no constituencies in the province that would go back to the old system; that they had found according to the new system, that less men would do less talking and do their business in a more business-like way, in a shorter time and at less expense; that the same thing had taken place in other Provincial Associations which are under Government patronage, just as this association is. He believed the Association could be better worked if the board were reduced. He thought the money could be used in better ways and the work done more expeditiously. He thought it would be to the advantage of the Association if they could have taken a part of the money grant and arranged that every lady and gentleman attending the fruit, flower and honey show should have a sample of honey of the best quality, and in that way demand for honey and the market would be increased. It was for such reasons as these he favored the reduction of the number of directors.

Mr. Deadman was opposed to reducing the number on the board; he thought it would be a great mistake;