

That members had already sold to firms in Toronto, contrary to their understanding of our proposal, namely, to give them sole agency for members product in Toronto, and other places named in prospectus.

While we failed to handle the honey this season, your committee have done considerable work, collecting and distributing reports, which was an object of the committee. Grading rules were also drafted, which ought to be of lasting benefit to bee-keepers.

Our membership has increased to 62 and after paying traveling expenses, and printing, a balance of \$7.65 remains.

Mr. Sibbald: This is a short concise report and if any of the members wish to ask questions some of the members of the committee will try to answer them.

Mr. Gemmell: Do you think from the present state of affairs we had better do anything further in the matter?

The President: I should not think we should ask the committee whether they want to give it up or not. Make them do what you think they ought to do. If you want to let them out of it I guess they will be willing but if you want something done I think you ought to leave the matter with them. I would like to hear from Mr. Post.

Mr. Post: Unfortunately for myself I was not in a position to attend the meetings at the time they were held and I did not hear the discussions and did not know any more of what had taken place than the other members who are here this evening. For my part I would like to see it go on; if anything can be done I would like to see it accomplished.

The President: Would you suggest any different way for the committee to work than that which they have been following?

Mr. Post: No, I certainly have nothing to suggest.

Mr. Gemmell: My object was to find out. I have taken an interest in this matter ever since I was in California. I thought if there was no prospect of doing anything further that we need not waste any time discussing it. I am not one of those who would like to see it given up, I thought probably the Commission would tell us some of the difficulties they had in organization.

Mr. Sibbald: One difficulty we met with was this, a great number of bee-keepers would say to us, "We are in favor of the idea and believe it a good one, but further than this they would leave us to go ahead and work the thing out; they would not tell us what we would do and 'we will work with you if you get along alright'." The ideas that of co-operation, an exchange cannot be very successful unless all bee-keepers come in. That is the idea I have held about it from the first. Some of our members think that a number of bee-keepers joined together ought to do something. I don't see it that way.

Another thing, when we struck the rules as well as we could, some of the members did not think that the rules were right and with reference to selling, they thought they ought to have the right to go into Toronto and any market and sell their own honey as they wished. It is difficult to get any man to take an agency for those who sell all they can themselves and only give the agent the balance.

Mr. Gemmell: There is no doubt if we want this thing to succeed there must be co-operation.

Mr. Pettit: There is always room for criticism and we can all find fault and I am afraid I am a little to go at that. I think a great work for the honey exchange is the gathering and distributing of crop reports and