

## Report of Brantford Meeting.

*Editor Canadian Bee Journal*

What is wrong with that report of the Brantford meeting? On Page 735 of C. B. J. we read: Committee appointed at the afternoon session to draw a By-law for the election of directors, report as follows, etc. Then we have a report signed by Allan Pringle, R. F. Holtermann and J. E. Frith. What did this Committee have to do with the By-law for the election of directors, or in what manner can their report be connected with the election of directors. As one of the revising committee I wish to say that the official report, as we received it from the stenographer, contained the same error, which we corrected in the best way possible. I also want to say for the benefit of those members who took who took part in the discussions at the Brantford meeting, (while everything is fresh in my memory,) that we (Mr. Evans and myself) have concluded our duties as the revising committee, and the report, as it left us, will now be in the hands of the secretary, and when the report is published and goes out to the world, if anyone who was present at Brantford is made to say something which he did not say at all, and things that he did say are left out entirely, please do not tread on the revising committee too heavily, because if we failed in making the revision, so as to have the report appear in its proper light, it was because it seemed impossible for us to do so; or perhaps because we had not the ability. I speak for myself, and not Mr. Evans, as regards ability. I want to say further, and I want to say it with all due respect to the reporter, Mr. Coe, that had I known that the report would reach us in anything like the shape in which it did, I certainly would have declined to act on that committee without the aid of Mr. Pringle or some other member of experience, and who has been through the mill. Some idea of the amount of work that we did on that report may be gleaned from the following: I met Mr. Evans by appointment in Toronto and we went carefully through the report, making changes and alterations wherever we saw it was necessary, and they were legion. I then asked permission to take the report home with me that I might again go through it and note other changes that should be made, as I was not entirely satisfied with the work we had done. Mr. Evans consented, and I went home (25 miles through a raging blizzard in the night) and went carefully through the whole of that report again, and when it left my hands, 143 changes had been made,

including additions, eliminations and various alterations, some of vast importance. In forwarding the report to Mr. Evans, I requested him to again go through it and correct any imperfections that he might discover, which I expect he did.

Now, while I have endeavored to perform the duty devolving upon me impartially and according to the best of my ability and knowledge (and I am sure Mr. Evans did the same; he can speak for himself), I do trust that when the report is published, it will meet with that degree of satisfaction that will allow me to meet with my brethren in Toronto in December (if I am permitted to live that long) without a police escort or a baseball mask to protect eyes and nose.

D. W. HEISE.

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## THE PAST SEASON.

### Bee-Keeping and Farming.

Enclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription. I think every bee-keeper in Canada should be proud of the Canadian Bee Journal, and renew promptly, but dear me, what if their bees have done no better than mine, gather very little honey and had to be fed some to complete their winter stores. Ah, well, our farm crops were good so we have the necessary dollar.

During the twenty-five years that I have kept bees in this place there have been only two years that white honey was almost a failure. The summer of '89 was too wet, and the summer of '95 too dry. It seldom happens that clover, thistle and basswood all fail to secrete honey, but they did last summer. The summer of '94 was the best I ever saw for clover honey, we secured over a hundred pounds per colony of extracted honey, and nearly that of comb honey. Last summer buckwheat yielded well, but we are too far from the low land where it is raised for our bees to get much of it. I intend to move a part of my bees next season so they can easily reach the wild raspberries, buckwheat and goldenrod. Bee-keeping goes well with farming, if the flowers fail to secrete honey, the bees will not make much work, and the farmer can attend to his crops, but he hails with joy the season when his hives become too heavy to lift, and the cry comes almost constantly the bees are swarming, and he has to hire help to take care of his crops, and has to extract and remove honey almost day and night to keep his bees from swarming. Hoping that next season may be like that.

I remain yours truly,

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