

Mr. McEvoy : That is a great exception to the rule.

Mr. HALL : These are isolated cases, but with me, if I had a hive that carried twenty frames and had one of these little bunch of bees, if they had enough honey in the hive I would not touch them—they should do as they choose. If they come up and give us some honey I say : " You are good bees, you are profitable to keep." If they die, I say, " Good riddance, I have got the hive for something else."

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. HALL moved, seconded by Mr. POST, that the objectionable words " Foul Brood Inspector " be eliminated from the statute and that the words " Inspector of Apiaries " be inserted in their place. Carried.

Mr. HOLTERMANN moved, seconded by Mr. GEMMELL, that by-law No. 15 be amended by striking out the words " 1st day of December," and substituting therefor the words " 15th day of November." Lost.

Mr. COUSE moved, seconded by Mr. GEMMELL, that this Association endorse the action of the Government in the appointing of a commissioner in London, England, to place honey on the list of Canadian products ; and that we would recommend Mr. C. W. Post as a fit and proper person to act as inspector for the purpose of guaranteeing any honey which the members of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association may export to England. Carried.

Mr. GEMMELL : I would like to know if there is any data as to when the first Italian blood was introduced into Canada.

Mr. FRITH : I have no proof, but I think just south of where Mr. Brown lives, between there and the St. Lawrence, there was an Italian queen introduced from Langstroth as near as I can remember between 1855 and 1860.

Mr. BROWN : James Mcflat, of Los Angeles, California, was, as far as I am aware, the earliest importer of Italian bees.

Mr. FRITH moved, seconded by Mr. BROWN, that the name of Mr. John Newton be placed upon the list of those recommended by this Association for the position of Dominion Apiarist. Carried.

Mr. HALL moved, seconded by Mr. MCKNIGHT, that votes of thanks be passed to the press for services to us as an Association while we have been in session in the city of Hamilton, and to the county council and to the mayor and corporation of the city of Hamilton for the advantages and conveniences which they have afforded to the Association. Carried.

On motion of Mr. POST, seconded by Mr. GEMMELL, the convention adjourned to meet again at the City of Guelph in 1898.

#### DIRECTORS' MEETING.

At a meeting of the Directors at the close of the annual meeting Mr. COUSE was re-appointed Secretary and Mr. MARTIN EMIGH re-appointed Treasurer.

The president, vice-president and second vice-president were appointed an executive committee.

The usual \$200 was appropriated for the affiliated societies, no society to receive more than \$20.

The following grants were made to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association, Western Fair Association, London, and the Canada Central Fair, Ottawa, respectively, \$25, \$10 and \$10.

The executive committee were also appointed the programme committee.