

A letter was then read from Rev. W. F. Clarke respecting the incorporation of the North American Beekeepers' Association. It was decided not to do anything hasty in this matter, but to table it with the view of taking favorable action next year. The opinion appeared to be that the Beekeepers' Union would undertake the prosecution for adulteration, and not the North American.

A. I. Root, Medina, O., stated that it was at one time intended to have a separate organization for the purpose of doing this work. He thought that the Union had better take it in hand. A resolution was passed suggesting that the Beekeepers' Union do so.

Chicago was decided on as the next place of meeting, with the suggestion that it take place during the fore part of October.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers then took place with the following result:—

President,—Dr. C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill. Vice-President,—J. E. Crane, York Mill. Secretary,—Frank Benton, Washington, D.C. Treasurer,—G. W. York, Chicago, Ill.

The committee appointed to report upon the spraying of fruit trees reported as follows:—

Whereas, strong evidence from various portions of the country has been presented to the North American Beekeepers' Association at several of its meetings, to the effect that the spraying of fruit trees, while in bloom, has resulted in serious destruction to bee life through poisoning, and

Whereas since the complete polarization of the fruit blossom is of the greatest importance to the fruit grower himself, and therefore the destruction of the bees, is not only a loss to beekeepers, and also a great one to fruit growers, and,

Whereas, the possible benefits to be derived by the fruit growers from spraying during the time of blooming, are slight at most, therefore,

Be it resolved,—That the North American Beekeepers' Association recommend the American Congress of the various States to memorialize their respective legislatures to enact such laws as shall forbid the spraying of fruit trees during the time of blooming.

A number of honorary members were then elected.

Mr. Benton, in his remarks, showed how much the Dadants of Hamilton, Ill., had done for beekeeping in Europe. The book, "Langstroth on the Honey Bee," first translated into French, was now being translated into Russian.

Prof. Wiley was made an honorary member.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$69.73.

W. Z. Hutchinson received \$50 for his services as secretary of the organization. Thursday was taken up by members visiting various points of interest in Washington.

#### THE BEE-KEEPERS' UNION.

We have received from the General Manager of the National Beekeepers' Union, the following

##### OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3, 1893.

To the Members of the National Bee-Keepers' Union:

I hereby submit the following statement of votes received up to the time of closing the polls, on Feb. 1, 1893; There were 348 votes cast.

For President—Hon. R. L. Taylor, 141; James Heddon, 136; scattering, 50; blank, 21.

For Vice-Presidents—C. C. Miller, 272; G. M. Doolittle, 270; A. I. Root, 255; A. J. Cook, 242; G. W. Demaree, 228; scattering, 248.

For General Manager, Secretary and Treasurer—Thomas G. Newman, 321; scattering, 3; blank, 24.

For Amended Constitution—289; against, 28; blank, 31.

For Salary of Manager—20 per cent., 342; scattering, 6. Back salary voted, the years being added together, amount to 566. This, divided by the number of votes, lacks a little of being twice—carrying for one year, and leaving votes for 218 over. It will therefore commence with Jan. 1, 1892.

THOMAS G. NEWMAN,  
General Manager.