

The Honey Producers' League

Prospectus and Constitution

A crisis has been reached in bee-keeping. The time is now here when bee-keepers must band together, as never before, fight an insidious foe, and cope with the conditions of modern times. In short, the wide-spread ignorance regarding the value of honey as a food (its deliciousness, cheapness and digestibility), coupled with an almost universal belief in its adulteration, which belief is fostered by the continued publication of untruthful stories concerning so-called manufactured comb honey, to which may be added the fact that cheap syrups are being pushed upon the market with great vigor—all these combined are depressing the honey market beyond all precedent; and, unless something is done to counteract these influences, our occupation, or, at least, a good share of its profitableness, will soon be gone.

A large share of last year's honey crop is still unsold; while the market

is practically dead, as is easily shown by reference to the market reports. The crop of the coming season will soon be here, and, should it prove a bountiful one, with last year's crop still unsold, where will prices go then? We may as well face the situation squarely. Then comes the all-important question, What shall we do about it?

Three or four of us began recently to discuss this question, privately, by mail, and we decided to act promptly, to the extent of summoning (some by telephone and telegraph) to a conference in Chicago some eight or ten representative manufacturers, dealers, publishers and honey-producers. As a result such a meeting was held March 14th and 15th, the whole two days being occupied in forming an organization, and in discussing ways and means whereby said organization can increase the demand for honey.

The first step was the drafting of a constitution, which reads as follows:

Constitution

Art. I—Name and Headquarters.

Sec. 1—The name of this organization shall be "The Honey Producers' League."

Its headquarters shall be Chicago, Ill.

Art. II—Objects.

Its objects shall be to create a larger demand for honey by popularizing its use among the consuming public through advertising in newspapers and magazines its great value as a food, and by such other methods as may be considered advisable by the Executive Board. Also by publication of facts concerning the production of honey to

counteract any misrepresentation of the same.

Art. III—Membership and Dues.

Sec. 1—Any bee-keeper may become a member by paying to the Manager an annual fee of \$1 for each 20 (or fraction of 20) colonies of bees (spring count) he owns or operates.

Sec. 2—Any honey dealer, bee-supply dealer, bee-supply manufacturer, bee-paper publisher, or any other firm or individual, may become a member on the annual payment of a fee of \$10, increased by one-fifth of one (1) per cent of his or its capital used in the allied interests of bee-keeping.