

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditors, D. Anguish and A. W. Humphries, reported having carefully examined the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer, finding them correct in every particular.

On motion of F. H. Macpherson, seconded by C. Urlocker, the reports of the secretary, treasurer and auditors were received and adopted.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President Allen Pringle then delivered his address:—

For the reasons mentioned on the editorial page the address of the President will not be inserted at the present moment. The address dealt fully with the work of the committee regarding foul brood legislation, and was full of interest.—Ed.

During the reading of the president's address the mayor of the city of St. Catharines entered, and immediately at its close the mayor was called on, when he delivered an address of welcome. He stated that during the past couple of years some five or six associations had honored St. Catharines with their presence, and none were more welcome to the garden city than the Ontario Bee-keeper's Association. He then dwelt for a short time on the advantages of St. Catharines as a place of residence, especially dilating on its system of waterworks, which were on the gravitation system, and were considered by the good people of St. Kits as the finest in the country. In closing he referred to the father of bee-keeping in their city—Mr. Hellems, who he said had done much to create an interest in the pursuit in their midst.

President Pringle thanked the mayor for his kindly address of welcome, and also for the interest he had taken in furnishing such a comfortable place of meeting. Speaking of the water works, he said that the use of bad water caused an immense amount of sickness. Every family should have a filter. He had had one in use for upwards of fifteen years, and instead of using hard water, soft water was filtered, and it was thus rendered free from all impurities except mineral substances held in solution, and one thus had good wholesome, pure water. He advised every one to get a filter.

In closing he called on Mr. Hellems,

a white-haired old gentleman who had evidently passed the allotted span of three-score and ten years. Mr. Hellems explained that he had kept bees for over fifty years, and that as a boy at home when but ten years of age he had handled them without gloves, veil or smoke.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of R. McKnight, seconded by S. Comeil, the president and secretary were instructed to prepare a full report of the meeting, together with all the papers read, to be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, together with the usual report.

Moved by F. H. Macpherson, seconded by S. Corneil, and resolved:—

That this association desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered this association by the Minister of Agriculture, in the matter of the passage of the "Act for the suppression of Foul Brood," and for the generous distribution of an official bulletin relating to the cause and cure of the said disease, and that this resolution be embodied in the report to the Minister of Agriculture.

FOUL BROOD NOT CAUSED BY THE IMPORTATION OF QUEENS.

D. A. Jones.—In discussing the suggestion of the president *re* the importation of queens, was satisfied that it would be a very difficult thing to prevent the importation of queens from the U.S. and foreign countries. No danger of foul brood from the importation of queens need be apprehended if the queens are sent with *food of sugar stores*, and if those getting them will be careful to destroy *all* the bees which accompany her. It was Mr. Adam Grimm who gave this matter a thorough test. He had 200 colonies, all more or less affected with the disease, and the queens in many of the colonies were worth at that time from \$10 to \$15. He did not wish to do away with his queens, and he experimented and found that he could put the queen in a clean colony with no danger of giving it the disease.

It was here decided that any further discussion on the subject should be held over until after the reception of a paper which would be read, and the report from the foul brood inspector.

AFFILIATION WITH N. A. B. K. A.

On motion of R. McKnight, seconded