

ill, don't wish him the desired information. I can do so in part, however.
 President, R. McKnight; R. F. Holterman, (nominally) Secretary; Directors, D. A. Jones; Rev. W. F. Clark, Dr. Thom, S. Cornell Hon. Lewis Walbridge (afterwards Chief Justice of Manitoba) and Mrs. Albaugh's father (his name has slipped my memory). All the above gentlemen, except the last, are past presidents of the Association

If the history of the Association was as well known to the present members as it is to myself and a few others, they would easily understand why it is that the record of its early years is not as full as could be desired. It is understood in those days we had neither an official organ or a money grant from the government. In this connection it may not be out of place for me to give a rapid sketch of its early formation and early struggles, giving consideration for the value of space in your columns.

It was I think in 1879 the Association was organized. The year previous D. A. Jones rolled ten tons of honey into the exhibition at Toronto which he was awarded a gold medal. This created a furore in the country. The next year he called a bee-keepers convention to meet in City Hall, Toronto, while the exhibition was being held. In response to that call bee-keepers and prospective bee-keepers gathered in, to the feet of the Gamiliel of apiculture and learn the mysteries of bee-keeping. That was the most generously attended bee-keepers meeting that ever was held in the province. The hall was crowded with people during the three days of session. The writer had the honor of occupying the chair. That meeting resulted in the formation of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association. As Jones became President, I was

elected Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Secretary and the Rev. W. F. Clark were appointed to formulate a constitution and by-laws for its government. (When the Association was incorporated and became the recipient of an annual money grant, it was my privilege to modify its constitution and by-laws to meet the new condition of things. I am pleased to know that it has not been found necessary to materially change these since.) As I said we had no organ at this time. One of our members edited a weekly paper published in the Town of Welland, with which we arranged for the use of one of its pages to be devoted to bee literature. The conditions were—we were to supply the "copy" and I was assigned the duty of editor of the bee department of the Canada Farmer (long ago defunct). By and by D. A. Jones started the Beeton World, to which we transferred our patronage. Shortly after he started the Canadian Bee Journal—then the only weekly bee journal in America—with the exception of the British Bee Journal the only one in the world. The Journal at once became, and still is the organ of the Association, I remained Sec.-Treasurer till I became President, when I resigned the secretaryship, but continued Treasurer up till 1892 when on my resignation of that office the Association very generously presented me with a gold watch,

Pardon me for saying so much of myself, but up till the time I became an "Ishmaelite" (when every man's hand was against me, because of my opposition to the so-called pure honey bill, under which no man has yet been convicted, and under which no man ever will be) I had somewhat of a prominent place in the management of the Association.

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