

In compliance with another motion passed at our last annual meeting your committee saw fit to recommend the names of Messrs. J. K. Darling, M. B. Holmes, J. E. Frith and Fred. Gemmell as fit and proper persons to lecture at Farmers' Institute meetings, and forwarded the names to the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes.

Before closing I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your able and generous assistance to me in carrying out the work of the Association during the past year, and hope that during this meeting every officer and member will continue to assist me to preserve the best of order, and not allow anything to mar the harmony now existing among us all. (Applause).

Mr. DARLING : In discussing the President's address I do not know that I will say very much about it. With regard to the taking over of the *Canadian Bee Journal*, I do not know whether now would be the proper time to air my opinion on that or not, but I might say that I do not know that it would be just wise, and perhaps it would be as well to give a reason : a great many of us have been dissatisfied in the past with what we received for our money, and also in the way we were treated at times, but I am convinced by what I have seen during the last two or three months that there is a very great prospect of a change for the better, and if we can be as well served, as there is a possibility of being served, and at the same time refrain from taking up something we do not know very much about, I think we would be wise to let people who understand such things run that part of the business and pay them a fair remuneration for what we receive. With reference to the crops of the season I am sorry there has been a good deal of truth in what Mr. Brown has said. Some odd individuals have secured what some of us would call in any season a large crop—perhaps they would not call it a large crop this year owing to the locality in which they live being better than the general run, but take it all over the country, the crop has been from small down to nothing ; and we are not alone. This may tend to the raising of prices. In fact the price of honey has been on the downward tendency for a good many years past. What is in the future for bee keepers is more than I can tell, but I do not think it is altogether an unmixed evil.

Mr. GEMMELL : With regard to taking over the *Journal*, I remember some five or six years ago there was quite a talk of doing the same thing, and there was a good deal of opposition to it. It was thought by some that it would be better if the *Journal* was managed independently, while other thought if the Association took the matter up our interests would be better served. I do not know what the opinion of the Association is now ; but as far as I am concerned I am quite willing to help in any way that may be decided upon by this meeting, whether it be taken over or left as it is. There are a number of things to be considered which would take quite a little time to state now.

Mr. McKNIGHT : I had not thought of the subject at all, but I see by the *Journal* it has been canvassed, and a variety of opinions expressed upon it. As Mr. Gemmell says, this is not the first time in the history of the Association when a movement of this kind has been on foot. When it was about to pass from the hands of The D. A. Jones Company into that of the present proprietors, there was a pretty strong movement made in the same direction, and there were a number of the members of the Association strongly in favor of taking over the *Journal*, and in fact, I think two or three special committee meetings were held in connection with the matter. Some of the members thought it would not be a wise course. I was among the number, and I am of that opinion still. I do not entertain that opinion because of any fear I have of lack of sufficient material to conduct the *Journal* properly ; the difficulty I see in the way is a very important one, and that is, available funds. You cannot conduct the paper for nothing, and I do not think this Association is sufficiently large to warrant us in undertaking the conducting of a special journal in connection with its own proceedings.

Mr. W. J. CRAIG, Editor : While I am not officially appointed to say anything in this connection, you have been made aware through the *Journal* that our company would willingly hand over the management of that publication to the Association if so desired, and it is for this purpose, to find out the minds of the members of the Association, that our President has brought it up. At the same time we want, perhaps, more than anything else, your co-operation in connection with the management of the *Journal*. We cannot get along without that, and I thank the members of the Association who have extended to me their sympathy and,—indeed more than their sympathy—their help in

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