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keepers of the interest and assistance of the Department in the development of the industry. In connection with Mr. Hodgetts' visit the following resolutions were passed by the convention:

Moved by W. J. Craig, Brantford, and seconded by Edwin Trinder, Simcoe: Resolved—That in the opinion of the beekeepers present at this Brant District Convention the most satisfactory work can be done by apiary inspectors in the treatment of foul brood in the months between the fifteenth of May and the fifteenth of August, and we would suggest to the Department of Agriculture that in view of this the inspection season be limited to these dates except in exceptional cases and under circumstances that would necessitate and demand earlier or later treatment.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by W. J. Craig, Brantford, and seconded by Christopher Edmondson, Brantford: Resolved—That we as an Association of Bee-keepers appreciate exceedingly the interest taken in the bee-keeping industry by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and would hereby express our gratitude for the same, and as a District Convention would thank the Department for sending us delegates experts in bee-keeping to address us on special subjects.—Carried.

The various papers read at the convention will be found under their different heads in this issue.

OXFORD DISTRICT BEE-KEEPERS' CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Oxford Beekeepers was held in the Council Chambers, Woodstock, February 6th. In the absence of the President, Mr. F. A. Gemmill, the chair was ably filled by the Vice-President, Mr. Bueglass. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, F. A. Gemmill, London; Vice-President, Wm. Bueglass, Plattsville; Secretary-Treasurer, John Newton, Thamesford.

The finance report showed that the Society was in a healthy condition. It was moved and seconded that the Oxford Society affiliate with the Ontario Society. Also that the Review in Bee-keeping be given to the members as premium for the year 1909. There was also a resolution carried and sent to the Department of

Agriculture recommending the dates of May 15th and August 15th as the proper time to send out the inspectors of apiaries, with the exception of localities where there was later flows of honey, whose bees could be handled with safety, or in extraordinary cases where immediate attention was needed. A paper was then read on "Spring Management" by Wm. Bueglass, of Plattsville, which brought out a good discussion on the subject. Mr. Bueglass' paper was as follows:

"One of the great essential points in spring management is to start at the right time. This is very important to have the work terminate successfully and secure a good crop of honey. Consequently we would say the previous year, at the close of the white honey harvest, is the right time to start spring management, or if the flow is late—or, more properly speaking, a fall flow, say in buckwheat districts—see that the queen is not crowded for room to lay, as it is important to have our hives go into winter quarters well stocked with young bees to successfully manage them in the spring. In localities where the honey flow practically ceases about the first week in August a certain amount of feeding should be carried on through this month to keep the queens laying, so there will be a good hatch of young bees the forepart of September, and if we do not expect any fall flow at this time, feed up rapidly so every hive will have thirty pounds of sealed stores or thereabout to go into winter quarters.

"In localities where we get a buckwheat flow I would advise having a super on each hive, so the queen will have plenty of room to lay and sufficient room left to hold ten to fifteen pounds of sugar syrup, as we much prefer it to having all honey for bees to winter on, and this should be supplied as soon as possible after buckwheat ceases to yield freely, if fall management is to be properly carried out. There will be very little to do with the bees in spring before fine weather sets in in May; a good letting-alone