

stated that he and the government would do everything in their power to prevent the spraying of fruit trees when in blossom. He said:—

Now, I may say that when this work was committed to my hands by the Honorable Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, he wrote me certain instructions, which I will give you saying, "Word has come to me that some of the spraying has been done while the trees were in bloom. I think this must be wrong information, but I hope you will guard against making this error." That was the first letter I received from him. I may say, I at once telegraphed to each of the men who were doing work in different parts of the province, instructing them not to spray under any consideration when the trees were in full bloom, and to instruct others not to do it. Every intelligent fruit grower knows that it is not only useless but injurious to spray when the trees are in full bloom. Thirty thousand copies of a bulletin were issued. I daresay many of you have seen them, probably all of you, and in this bulletin we say, in no case spray while the trees are in bloom, but immediately after, it is contrary to law. We are going to add in our new bulletin that offenders are liable to a fine of from \$1 to \$5 for each offence. We can not get things perfect just at the start. There is no conflict, or at least there should be none, between fruit growers and bee-keepers, our interests certainly are one.

The attendance having dwindled and the Court Room being required, the Convention adjourned to the Jury room.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Post, that the objectionable words "foul brood inspector" be eliminated from the statute and that the words "inspector of apiaries" be added in their place. Carried.

Mr. Course moved, seconded by Mr. Gemmell, that this Association endorse the action of the government in the appointing of a Commissioner in London, England, to place honey on the list of Canadian products; and that we would recommend Mr. C. W. Post as a fit and proper person to act as inspector for the purpose of guaranteeing any honey which the members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association may export to England.

The president put the motion, which on a vote having been taken, was declared carried.

Mr. Frith moved, seconded by Chas. Brown that the name of Mr. John Newton be added to the list of those recommended for the position of Dominion apiarist.

Mr. Frith claimed that it was only mentioning Mr. Newton's name as another competent person and adding it to the recommendation of last year (Mr. Holtermann). Perhaps another year more names would be added.

Several protested, saying this move was a mistake.

Mr. R. McKnight said the late Mr. S. Cornell was the only competent man bee-keepers had for the position; that they needed no one at Ottawa, but Mr. Newton was an excellent man. Mr. Holtermann was entirely unfit for the position, he was a leach on the Association. Last night, when Mr. Holtermann sat side by side with Prof. Shutt, he could not help noticing the marked contrast between the two and how markedly the contrast was unfavorable to Mr. Holtermann. Prof. Shutt was a gentleman of whom he had a very high opinion.

The motion was carried.

The convention then adjourned.

Bees at the Toronto Fair.

—JAS. J. HURLEY.

The management of the Toronto Industrial secured from Mr. R. F. Holtermann for its late exhibition an exhibit of the honey bee, together, with lectures and discriptions thereon. To say that it was a success, would be to put it mildly. The display was shown in a large tent immediately opposite the C. P. R. exhibit. Just adjoining this was a large screen tent which contained three hives of bees. In the first tent was shown bee-keepers' supplies, and comb honey in its different stages of development, together with the different varieties of honey and bees. The public was shown the difference between extracted and comb honey, and the different methods of obtaining the same; the effect of the moth upon honey-comb, and various other interesting points bearing on the natural history of the honey bee. But the screen tent was the greatpoint of attraction. Here the gentlemen in attendance took frame after frame out of the hives and passed them about, briefly describing the habits and home of the bee.

Many were the exclamations of wonder and surprise by those who saw for the first time the honey bee "At Home."