

Moved by W. Couse, seconded by J. B. Hall, that R. McKnight be instructed to correspond and arrange with Messrs. Dadant & Son with respect to securing books for which an appropriation had been made by the last directors. Carried.

Moved by R. McKnight, seconded by J. B. Hall, that a vote of thanks be tendered "Amateur Expert" for his kind suggestion with reference to opening a place in England to secure works there for our library. Carried.

Moved by R. McKnight, seconded by J. B. Hall, that the Association do not give the *Rural Canadian* to members, and that the publisher be notified to that effect. Carried.

Moved by R. McKnight, seconded by J. B. Hall, that the President, Secretary and Messrs. Gemmel, Hall and McKnight be a sub-committee with power to attend to any special business which might come before the Board of Directors, at times when it was not possible to hold a general meeting.

The Board then adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

BEE-KEEPING AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

HERE seems to be a pretty general idea abroad that the farmers of the country are to be the "bee-keepers of the future." Such being the case is it not well to see that the farmers are given an insight into the best method of keeping bees? Why could not the lecturer, which the new "Constitution and By-laws" gives the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association power to appoint, be held ready to answer the call of the various "Farmers' Institutes" throughout the country, and at such meetings, deliver addresses on the simple questions of bee-keeping, such as amateurs and novices would need. Let the lectures be illustrated by means of maps, charts, etc., and let them contain just the information which the audience might require. A lecturer could do very much towards dispelling the erroneous idea which some farmers have as to the damage that bees do pastures. In the majority of instances the Farmers' Institutes pay the expenses of the talent which they have at their meetings, so that there would not be any

great expense attached to such an arrangement.

LANGSTROTH ON THE HONEY-BEE.

HOSE who were members of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association for last year will have no cause to regret it. At the meeting of the Board of Directors, at Woodstock, they appropriated \$200 of the Government grant towards the purchase of a sufficient number of copies of the revision of Father Langstroth's work, now being done by the Messrs. Dadant of Hamilton, Ill. The price of the revision we do not know yet; the original is, however, sold at \$2, and we presume the former will not be much less, so that every member of the Association the past year has received \$3 for the \$1 expended, as well as having all the privileges of membership of the Association. We cannot, of course, say what members for the present year will receive—but they may all rest assured that it will be *full value* for their investment. It should not be necessary to hold out any inducement to bee-keepers to join the Association, nor do we anticipate that many will join *because of the monetary benefits* they may receive directly, but on account of the merits of the organization alone, let what else come as it may. Now, we do hope that the membership of all past members will at once be renewed, and we should be glad to see *every* subscriber to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL a member of the O.B.K.A. whether he has been in the past or not.

For the Canadian Bee Journal BETTER HONEY WANTED.

I HAVE just read Mr. Dunn's letter in the C.B.J. of Jan. 11th. I think Mr. Dunn must have misunderstood me when I said in my letter that the color and body were the *two main points* to judge honey by. I suppose I would have been better understood if I had said to be choice in flavor, both clover and basswood honey *must* be dead ripe the day it is extracted, very bright in color and extra thick in body at that time. I know from many years of experience that where the color and the body are, at the time of extracting, that the flavor will be there also, and that the flavor of honey is in proportion to its color and body, which are the *two main points* to judge honey by. Mr. Dunn says that