

Flanders, Edmonston and Birkett took part in the discussion that followed. Various phases of the question came up. For instance, if the bees had been well shaken about and the hive opened when they could at once fly, the bees might need no board, although it would be as well to be on the safe side and put it up.

One member present thought it was not necessary to put anything in front at all.

Mr. Edmonston related when he bought his first swarm of bees. He kept them in a shed until settled warm weather. The hive was then moved into the open, some distance from its former location, and in spite of the great change a very large portion of the flying bees went back to the old location and were lost. No board had been put in front of the hive.

It was generally thought that the board should be left a week or two. Bees at the season mentioned did not fly every day, and all should first have a good fly.

It was then moved by C. Edmondston, seconded by F. J. Davis, that the members of the Brant Bee-Keepers' Association have noticed with pleasure that the members of the York County Bee-Keepers' Association have made Mr. R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, an honorary member of the Association, in recognition of his services to bee-keepers. That they have unanimously endorsed the action of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association in recommending him to the position of Apiarist, at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, where his duties will be to develop the industry in Canada. That the members of the Brant Bee-Keepers' Association in convention hereby endorse the action of the above Associations, and that we are strongly of the opinion that good service could be done to bee-keepers and the country by prompt action being taken by the Dominion Government in the above direction. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Hon. Sidney E. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, also C. B. Heyd, M. P., Jas. Sutherland, M. P., and the Hon. Wm. Paterson, Minister of Customs, asking them to kindly use their influence to have Minister of Agriculture take immediate action.

In his remarks Mr. Edmonston said Brant bee-keepers would be sorry to lose Mr. Holtermann.

Mr. Phelps stated that while he would be only too pleased to vote for it he regretted that it meant Mr. Holtermann's removal which would be a distinct loss to the County of Brant.

The motion was carried without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Holtermann briefly thanked the members of the association.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to Mr. Newton for attending the convention and taking part in the programme. Mr. Newton replied in a neat little speech, hoping that at some future time he would be with them again.

RAESIDE ALEXANDER GEMMILL.

In this number of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL we are pleased to show our readers what we trust will prove to be a good picture of Raeside Alexander Gemmill, Stratford. Raeside was born on the



7th of November, 1876, and at this date of writing is almost twenty. He is a son of Mr. F. A. Gemmill, Stratford, a warm friend of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and a gentleman well known to Canadians and others as one of the most advanced bee-keepers. Young Mr. Gemmill's intention is to follow apiculture. Last summer he and his father ran two apiaries, as we understand it the out apiary belonging to the son. It is always pleasant to see the son following the father's business if he has a taste for the work, and a young