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General Meeting of the Canadian Beekeepers Council
held at
The Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative
Monday, March 31, 1941 at 11 a.m.

The following members were present: William Agar, S.M. Deschenes, C.G. Bishop, R.M. Pugh, and E.B. Chown representing the Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers in place of J.W. Braithwaite. Mr. T.H. Shield of the Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative also sat in on the discussions.

President William Agar opened the meeting and briefly outlined the work of the Council to date and the object in calling the present meeting. He pointed out that as all member associations had not appointed their representative for the present year it therefore seemed advisable to extend the current year to July 1.

It was moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by S.M. Deschenes:

That the present officers and members of the Canadian Beekeepers Council should continue to hold office or membership until July 1, 1941.

Carried.

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by S.M. Deschenes:

That R.M. Pugh be appointed Secretary
Treasurer of the Canadian Beekeepers
Council.

Carried.

Moved by E.B. Chown, seconded by William Agar:

That the Canadian Beekeepers Council express its sincere regret that Mr. Patterson feels unable to continue in office as Secretary Treasurer. The Council greatly appreciates the valuable assistance which Mr. Patterson has given during the difficult period of organization and only regrets that it is not in a position to adequately show this appreciation in a tangible way. The Council wishes Mr. Patterson to accept a cheque for \$100.00 as an expression of its appreciation for his services; and further, the Council wishes Mr. Patterson to bill it for his out-of-pocket expenses.

Carried.

Moved by S.M. Deschenes, seconded by C.G. Bishop:

That all member associations be urged to appoint their representative to the Council as soon as possible so that the Council may hold an election of officers by July 1, 1941, and further that such representatives which member associations appoint to the Canadian Beekeepers Council will hold office for a term of three years dating from February 1, 1941.

Carried.

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by William Agar:

That the membership fee for the Canadian Beekeepers Council remain on a voluntary basis for the present.

Carried.

Moved by William Agar, seconded by S.M. Deschenes:

That R.M. Pugh take out a bond for \$1,000.00 which bond is to be forwarded to the President of the Council for safe keeping.

Carried.

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by William Agar:

That the Council hereby adopt the usual motion required by the Imperial Bank of Canada, Fort Qu'Appelle, to enable the Secretary to sign all cheques for the Council and conduct all other banking business.

Carried.

The President then adjourned the meeting to reconvene at the same place at 2.30 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 2.30 at the Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative office and Mr. T.H. Shield explained what had transpired during his recent visit to Ottawa representing the Council while presenting the voluntary plan for the advertising of honey in Canada. Mr. Shield indicated that the Department of Agriculture officials at Ottawa had raised so many objections to the voluntary plan that he proceeded, along with Mr. Agar and representatives of the Department of Agriculture, to draw up a plan which they thought might be feasible. The result was the present regulations respecting a Canadian Honey Board for the export marketing and domestic marketing of Canadian Honey.

A number of objections were raised by members to this plan and it was revised, removing the major objections presented. The revised plan met with the entire support of those present.

Mr. Shield was requested to arrange with representatives of the three can companies to meet the Canadian Beekeepers Council in his office the following day. These arrangements were made by Mr. Shield and plans for presentation of the Council's case to the can companies were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.30

April 1, 9 a.m.

In the Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative Office.

A letter from S.M. Deschenes was read. Mr. Deschenes regretted that sudden illness prevented him continuing at the meeting and advised that he had returned to Montreal.

Moved by R.M. Pugh, seconded by C.G. Bishop:

That a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Deschenes.

Carried

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by William Agar:

That E.B. Chown be appointed to present the Council's brief to the can company representatives.

Carried.

The balance of the morning was spent in altering the regulations respecting the marketing of honey and in preparing a brief for presentation to the can companies in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2.30 p.m. in the Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative office, with Mr. Jones and Mr. McNab representing the American Can Company, Mr. Sexsmith representing the Continental Can Company and Mr. Austin representing the General Steel Wares. President Agar introduced the various members of the Council and took occasion to comment on the wide representation which the Council had among Canadian beekeepers.

Mr. Chown then presented the Council's plan for raising a fund by a tax on honey containers, which fund was to be used for the advertising and enlarging of the honey market in Canada. The representatives of the can companies were then asked for their attitude and a frank and free discussion was held which brought out many valuable points. It developed that the can companies did not feel that any voluntary plan for levying on honey containers would be workable, but they were prepared to whole-heartedly support any plan to advertise Canadian honey and stated that they would be behind a compulsory plan for a levy on honey containers, as this would relieve them of any responsibility and would not interfere with their relations to their customers.

The representatives of the can companies were thanked by Mr. Agar for taking the trouble to attend their meeting and for their suggestions, and after they retired the balance of the afternoon was spent in arranging the brief to be presented to the Government.

Moved by E.B. Chown, seconded by C.G. Bishop:

That R.M. Pugh present the Council brief to the Government.

Carried.

Moved by William Agar, seconded by E.B. Chown:

That the Council proceed to Ottawa for presentation of the brief to the Government.

Carried.

Messrs. Agar, Bishop, Chown, Pugh met in Ottawa at 9.30 a.m. in Mr. Armstrong's office and later met Colonel Wheeler of the Fruit Branch and W. Neely of Mr. Shaw's office and presented their brief to them. The Government representatives pointed out some difficulties in the implementing of the recommendations but, generally speaking, felt that they had a fair chance of being approved provided they were presented in a slightly altered form. Some suggestions were then made regarding the presentation and also alterations in the regulations themselves.

The Committee continued in Ottawa the following day, April 4, and met Mr. Olmsted who completely redrafted the regulations

for them, removing objectionable features. Mr. Neely, Mr. Hopper and others all gave further valuable suggestions regarding either the brief or the regulations themselves. The redrafted regulations recommended a Honey Board of five members with authority over all export marketing of honey, power to license honey container manufacturers and exporters, power to place a levy on honey containers, and authority to conduct advertising campaigns in Canada.

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General Meeting of the Canadian Beekeepers Council

Ottawa, Ontario

April 4, 1941, 4.45 p.m.

Mr. Armstrong's Office, Confederation Building.

Present: William Agar, C.G. Bishop, E.B. Chown, R.M. Pugh.

The President called the Council to order and it was moved by R.M. Pugh, seconded by E.B. Chown:

That T.H. Shield, C.G. Bishop and William Agar be a continuing committee to present the revised brief and regulations to the Government and to press for their adoption.

Carried.

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by E.B. Chown:

That the Council hereby approve the brief and regulations as redrafted.

Carried.

Moved by C.G. Bishop, seconded by William Agar:

That the Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation to its western members for coming east for this meeting.

Carried.

Moved by E.B. Chown, seconded by R.M. Pugh:

That the Council assume any reasonable expense incurred by the continuing committee while presenting the Council's brief and regulations for honey marketing to the Government.

Carried.