

ment of Agriculture, whose photo we have pleasure in presenting in this issue, has been appointed Secretary.

The passing of the Secretaryship to the Department of Agriculture. The passing of the Secretaryship to the Department of Agriculture will no doubt be the best arrangement possible for the Association, and in this falling into line with the other agricultural societies. The fact of the directing or the inspectors of apiaries being in the hands of the Department makes it almost essential. Secretary Couse discharged his duty faithfully and well for upward of 20 years, and deserved every word of the hearty vote of thanks accorded by the Association on his retirement.



Much praise is due the department of Agriculture for the way the best interests of the bee-keepers have been considered, and the kindly, tactful and efficient way in which its worthy Minister, the Hon. Nelson Monteith, has dealt with the matters laid before his department. The administration of the Foul Brood act has been a thorn in the flesh for many years, and "a bone of contention" at almost every annual meeting. Amendments were agreed upon at the convention a year ago making certain changes that were deemed advisable, and provision for more inspectors to carry out the work. In the early months of the present year the executive of the Association, with Mr. F. A. Gemmill were called to the Department for a consultation and with the result that a new Act was framed and passed whereby the appointing and directing of the inspectors was placed exclusively in the hands of the Minister of Agriculture and under the direct control of the Department. The Department now lays before the Association their proposal to divide the province into six districts with an inspector for each. The districts to be as follows:

1. Lennox, Addington, Frontenac and East.
2. Victoria, Peterboro, Northumber-

land, Durham, Prince Edward and Hastings.

3. York, Peel, Simcoe, Dufferin and Ontario.

4. Wellington, Waterloo, Perth, Huron, Bruce and Grey.

5. Norfolk, Brant, Oxford, Elgin, Essex, Kent, Lambton and Middlesex.

6. Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand.

The Department considers that it will be quite practicable to secure a good man for each one of these districts. In making the selection the Minister will naturally consult with the officers of the Association, as it is his desire to appoint men who are well informed and would carry on the work with the approval of the Society. He suggests that the former Inspector, Mr. McEvoy, be retained for No. 6, which is in the vicinity of his own home, and that he be referred to on any points which might come up in connection with disputes in other districts. The Minister is inclined to think that in covering the field as above suggested, traveling expenses, etc., would be lessened, and that a total appropriation of \$1,200 would be sufficient for the work. The annual expenditure for the purpose of inspection during the last five years—1901-1905 inclusive—has averaged \$666.



A letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Toronto, requests us to announce to the readers of The Canadian Bee Journal that they have a considerable number of back reports of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association on hand at the Department, and if any one desires complete sets, they would be pleased to send them so far as the supply lasts. Address the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.