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Since the North American Bee-Keepers' Convention at Toronto, many pleasing references have been made in various Bee Journals to the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. Mills of the Ontario Agriculture College. We have already given our readers an illustration of the Hon. John Dryden. In the present number we are pleased to give a little information in regard to Dr. Mills, who holds the important position of President of the Ontario Agricultural College.

James Mills was born of North of Ireland parents in the County of Simcoe, Ontario, in the year 1810. There, until he reached twenty-one years of age, he received a most thorough training in all the practical details of Canadian farm work, as the farm upon which he was brought up and upon

which he worked, was one of the best managed and best cultivated of the Province. So far his life had been intensely practical. A serious accident formed the turning point in his career. At twenty-one he lost his right arm in a threshing machine, and thus handicapped, he stood upon the threshold of his life work with responsibility, and what some would call disaster, staring him in the face. He entered the public school and began his education at the time when the majority of young men had already finished.

From the public school to Brantford Grammar school and thence to Victoria college, Cobourg, he was led in his studies. From Victoria college he graduated as Bachelor of Arts in 1868, taking the gold medal for the year for the highest rank in