

Hall, and it had been engaged for the whole week by some comic opera troupe, so that other sources had to be depended upon. Several large halls were at command, but drawbacks were attached, the principal one being that they required to be seated. Thinking over the matter, it occurred to me that it was to a great extent educational, could not the Collegiate Institute lecture room be secured, as it possessed all the requirements, even to a piano and magic lantern. I accordingly resolved to make an effort in that direction, and after interviewing one of the trustees, I was requested to present myself at the meeting of the board and explain my position. In company with Mr. J. Myers I did so, and without a dissenting voice all acquiesced in my project, for the reasons already given, viz: that it was an educational affair, and the lecture room and all its conveniences were granted free gratis. So much having been done there was, however, yet more to be had, but as success had already paved the way, I saw no obstacle in view of proceeding still further, and as ladies are always agreeable, if you only know how to take them, (most married men soon become educated in this direction), so with my own experience and Mrs. Gemmell's kind assistance, the vocal and instrumental music was soon secured.

Now, Mr. Editor, least my enthusiasm carry me completely away. I must not forget to mention what you have done in assisting the project towards success. Of course you recollect me speaking of how nice it would be to have a grand magic lantern exhibit, accompanied with an instructive lecture as to the value of the bees, both from a commercial and scientific standpoint. This you also heartily agreed with, and expressed your willingness at a considerable expense (some \$25, I believe,) to yourself for the use of a suitable lantern. In order to carry out the arrangement, if so requested. This amount you will not require to expend through the kindness of the school board. You still further suggested that the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, be invited to attend, and this, I understand, you have, like myself, already done, with the prospect of his being in attendance.

Now, brother beekeepers, before concluding I will give you a synopsis of what may be looked for, but before doing so I might mention that the lecture will treat of the manner in which the bees secrete wax scales, build comb, gather and ripen honey, nurse the larva, and the manner in which pollen is packed in the baskets while on the wing, and how it is deposited in the cells for future use, the sting and its uses, etc. The

programme will be something of this fashion: Chairman's address, opening chorus, instrumental music, address by the Hon. John Dryden, violin solo, song (selected), Mr. Holtermann's pow wow, comic song, music, God Save the Queen.

Recollect I do not lay this down as the authorized programme, although I can furnish it in about this order.

Come one come all,
To the lecture hall.

F. A. GEMMELL.

Stratford, Dec 5 1891.



A. PICKETT.

President O. B. K. A., Nassagaweya, Ont.

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I think it would be well to urge through THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL all bee-keepers going to the Stratford convention to get railroad certificates when purchasing a single fare ticket to Stratford. There is nothing to lose, for the return fare in no case will be higher than two-thirds, and it is altogether likely that there will be the necessary number to get the return fare at one-third single fare. A. E. SHERRINGTON.

[We do not think there is any doubt about the required members being present, and every one should purchase a single fare ticket to Stratford and demand from the agent a railroad certificate.—Ed.]