

quietly wrote to the inspector, telling him what was being done. In due time the inspector came; he found out who the person was, and he was arrested and sent to the penitentiary. Up to this time no person except the postmaster and one or two others knew what was going on, but when he was arrested, then the papers came out and told the whole matter, and so there goes over the country to-day an awe regarding the use of cancelled postage stamps that will keep the people from doing such a thing for years to come. And so if we had taken this course in regard to the adulteration of honey, we might have accomplished something."

At the evening session the convention was honored by the presence of the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and Dr. Mills, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The Minister of Agriculture, in his pleasing address, said, amongst other things:

"I wish you every success in your enterprise. You represent a large industry. It is composed of very small drops, but, taken together, it means a great deal. Our people in this country and the people in the United States do not realize what it means, but you can add wealth to this country and to your country by paying attention to this industry. We who represent the province believe we help all the people when we help the beekeepers of Ontario, and therefore it is that we give grants, year by year, to this association, and assist, as far as we can, to help them in their work."

Dr. Mills, in his address, gave all a warm invitation to visit the Ontario Agricultural College. In speaking of farming, he said:

"Now, a short time ago, in thinking over the circumstances and conditions of different classes of people in this country and elsewhere, the thought occurred to me that success in farming, more than any other occupation, depended on a number of uncertain and uncontrollable conditions or circumstances. The mechanic has work, and, if it is done in a workmanlike manner, he is almost sure to receive remuneration for his labor. If a merchant proceeds on business principles and attends to his business, a fair share of trade is the only thing necessary to insure his success,

and in professions—in law, for instance, in medicine, teaching, journalism, and so on—if a man has the requisite physical, mental, moral, and educational equipment, he rarely fails to secure a fair, if not a liberal, compensation for the work done in the line of his occupation. With the farmer the case is quite different. He may be in every respect a first-class man; he may have every possible equipment for his work, and he may do his work at the best time and in the best manner possible, and, after all, have no return for his labor. Have you not seen that? Success in farming depends not only on the way in which the farmer does his work, but on the temperature from day to day, on the heat, the cold, the frost, upon the sunshine and the shade, upon the rain—too little or too much, or at the wrong time—and upon insects on every hand, upon injurious fungi of every description, such as rust and smut, plum knots and apple scab, and we know not how many others. I sometimes speak strongly in favor of farming in preference to other occupations, but there are certain things which make it clear that the farmer is different from other people in this, that the product of his labor depends on circumstances over which he has no control. They are at the mercy of wind and weather. Now, we must admit they can never be sure that they are going to have a fair return for their labor, however skillfully it may be performed. That being so, I would venture to say that, in my judgment, it is generally unadvisable for a farmer to confine his whole attention to any one line or branch of his occupation; that it is not wise for him to put all his eggs into one basket. Of course, I would not be understood as saying that a farmer, any more than any one else, should be a Jack-of-all-trades and master of none. I hold that every farmer should have a specialty of some kind. He should consider the market and the climate in which he lives, his soil, his tastes, his ability, and his capital, and then make up his mind to devote his attention chiefly to some one thing, and, in that, aim to surpass all others, if possible."

At the close of the meeting both gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members of the North American Beekeepers' Association.