

better have one half than a dozen otherwise.

Mr. Hall: But you are not making them good by so doing.

Mr. Pickett: The method we take to get them good is by increasing the number of bees at the earliest possible moment, and if they have not got the heat you know as well as I do all the honey you could pile into your beehive would not amount to much. You cannot get the bees if they have not sufficient heat.

Toutes Sortes de Choses.

Dear Mr. Editor: It is now two long months since we met and parted in that fair city of Toronto. Since then, like myself, no doubt you have had a little more experience in the ways of the world and I hope your experience has been along the same line as mine. I have had the pleasant experience of having been put into a contest for the Ottawa Journal's gold headed cane, offered for the most popular County Councillor in the Ottawa Valley. But although having received over twelve hundred votes I did not succeed in capturing the prize. I have also had the pleasure of meeting my fellow County Councillors in Council and sharing with them three hard days work in committee. As the title of this article denotes, I shall in brief touch upon "all sorts of things."

I saw the Shaver-Edminson letter in January C. B. J., have you? Right you are, and glad am I. D. W. H., Notes and Pickings, Feb'y 1900, page 182, article five, truly every thing was lovely and our association must feel glad at heart and draw one breath, and thank the Lord for His great blessings that we had no Boers in our midst with long range rifles to rent their spleen across the hall.

Oh say, has the bottom fallen out

of the Paris Exposition or has the matter been dropped for all time, I hope such is not the case, for know ye all, your committee of by gone days spared neither time nor pains to advance your interests in this direction and although our honey of '99 may not be in it, it should get a place until relieved by the 1900 crop. Am I right or am I wrong?

I hope my successor in office will take up the good work that he assisted me with so well in the past and see that it is carried to a successful issue.

Another matter I would like to call the attention of your readers to is the fact that I am no longer either president or secretary of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, and I would request that all communications in connection with the affairs of the association in future be addressed to Mr. William Couse, Secretary O. B. K. A., Streetsville, Peel Co., Ont. I make this remark because nearly every mail brings me matter which should be addressed to Mr. Couse. We are having a very fine winter down here, not much snow, but a little sharp some mornings, twenty below zero on the 2nd inst. Hoping my brother bee-keepers' east, west, north, south are well and wishing them a prosperous season, so au revoir,

W. J. BROWN.

Chard, Feb. 5th.

My bees are wintering splendidly so far, I don't think that there is a peck of dead bees on the cellar floor from 295 colonies. Have 43 outside. Been no weather to hurt them to date.

C. W. POST.

Trenton, February 15th.