

ions by the people of this district as a delegate to interview his grace Archbishop Duhamel at Ottawa.

And at the annual meeting of the O.B.K.A., held at the city of Belleville in 1889, where I first had the pleasure and happiness of meeting and forming the acquaintance of many of my brother bee-keepers of western and central Ontario, I was appointed Director for No. 1 district; but owing to the fact that I was only a beginner and a pupil in the art of bee-keeping, I did not take any part in the proceedings, but preferred to remain quiet and leave all the big shooting to the big guns, which are not few in our extensive pursuit.

Although keeping a few bee-hives for some years it was not until the year 1889 that I gave any particular attention to bee-keeping, although a reader of the C.B.J. for three years previously. I was then stirred to activity by the glowing accounts of a few who had made the business a life-long study—such men as Rev. W. F. Clarke, R. McKnight, S. Corneil, A. Pringle and many other kee-keepers of the province. And although I then had my doubts of the truth of their statements and reports, experience has since taught me that their reports were not exaggerated, as I have had some pretty good returns for my labors in that line, though not this year. I may also say that I have never spent half a day with any bee-keeper whilst at work in his apiary, and that the little knowledge I have is derived from practical experience, contact with my fellow bee-keepers at the annual meetings, and from the pages of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and other works on apiculture. It will therefore be observed that the little knowledge I have of bee-keeping is, like the rest of my early education, self-acquired.

Yours truly,

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FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL,

The World's Fair.

**W**HILE thanking the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, its correspondents, and many others for their kind words of approval and congratulation anent my appointment as superintendent of the Canadian Apianar Department at the approaching World's Fair in Chicago, I wish to say that, after a due consideration of the duties and responsibilities of the position, I have accepted the unsolicited appointment. I have never sought official place or position of any kind, and such as I have hitherto accepted have, I may say, been thrust

upon me. Those who know me will, I think, be satisfied that the acceptance of the present responsible position means that the incumbent means to do his duty, and discharge whatever may devolve upon him faithfully and as best he can. Moreover, I could neither be persuaded nor hired to accept any position the duties of which I thought I could not properly and acceptably perform. No man has the right to do so when he has to act for others, whatever of this and that he may undertake and blunder in for himself. The misgiving therefore expressed by a correspondent (Mr. R. F. Holtermann) in the last JOURNAL that the interests of exhibitors in the matter of sales might suffer from the absence of the superintendent from Chicago, or the exhibition, is groundless, and need not disturb the equanimity of any exhibitor who wishes to sell his exhibit instead of having it returned to him when the Fair is over. I can assure Mr. H., and all others concerned, that in accepting the place I have not the slightest intention of attempting to work for him and them in Chicago and for myself at home at the same time. That is not the way I do business. The latter—bees and all—must be abandoned for the former. My intention is to spend—not “three months in Chicago,” and “a portion” of that “at the exhibition,” as Mr. Holtermann wants assurance of, but—six months or more on duty, and looking after the interests of every exhibitor so far as is possible. My duties in the premises in fact commence now, though my active work will not commence till perhaps about the first of April. I am now about to put myself in communication with the whole of the intending exhibitors (whose names and addresses I have obtained from the commissioner, Mr. Awrey), giving them instructions as to the proper preservation of the honey they intend to exhibit—especially the comb honey, which would be worth but little by next summer unless properly handled and cared for in the interim—directions as to packing, crating, shipping, etc. Of course many of the intending exhibitors on the list before me require no instructions from me or anyone else as to the proper handling and preservation of their comb honey; and I beg such not to feel their professional pride wounded when they get the formal circular of advice and instructions which I intend to send out to all exhibitors. They must remember while they themselves, as specialists, have all this professional or technical knowledge, others have not, and consequently must be advised.

The honey for Chicago must all be shipped probably about the latter part of March, to one