

Rev. W. E. Burkitt, Miss Eyton, Mr. D. A. Jones (Beeton, Ontario), Dr. and Mrs. May (Canada), Mr. S. Corneil (Ontario), Mr. McKnight, (Canada), Pasteur Descoulayes and Mademoiselle Descoulayes (Switzerland), Mr. W. Raitt, Mr. F. Cheshire, Miss Gayton, Mr. J. M. and Miss Hooker, Mr. A. Neighbor, Mr. J. H. Howard, Mr. T. Blow, Mr. J. Baldwin, Mr. W. P. Meadows, Captain Bush, R. N., Captain Campbell, Mr. F. H. Meggy, Mr. D. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hehner, Mr. F. Lyon, Mr. Sables, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lemare, Mr. Garrat, the Rev. Dr. Bartrum, Mr. Horton Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Zehetmayr, and others.

Mr. Cowan presided, and the Rev. Mr. Scott and the Rev. Dr. Bartrum said grace before and after luncheon.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Queen, said he was sure that the spirit of loyalty to Her Majesty was equally as strong in the hearts of their Colonial friends as in those of Englishmen generally. Every bee-keeper knew that if he wished to have strong colonies he must have a good queen. Fortunately in England they had a good Queen, and it was during her reign that Britain's colonial possessions had grown to gigantic power and strength. (Loud cheers.)

The Hon. and Rev. Henry Bligh proposed the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. He said that the thanks of all bee-keepers were specially due to the Prince of Wales who was President of the Executive of the Colonial Exhibition, for his kindness in giving the necessary permission for the holding of their recent Honey Show, which was a grand success, and of which the meeting held that day was the outcome. Not many weeks before their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess had attended the Bee Exhibition held at Norwich, where they evinced the greatest interest in the wonders of the bee tent. Later on in the year, and in another part of the country, Princess Beatrice had kindly assisted their cause by opening the Bee Show held at Southampton, where she gave the prizes to successful exhibitors. He thought the work in which they were engaged was a national one,—he might almost say an imperial one, for they took the greatest pleasure in labouring hand in hand with their brethern in all parts of the British Empire.

The Rev. G. Raynor, in proposing 'Prosperity to the Colonies,' said he thought the Colonies were certain to be prosperous, because they contained a population possessed of all those characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race which

had shown such wonderful ability for colonising, far greater than any other nation of the globe. When Englishmen looked on and saw the wondrous production of their Colonies (Greater Britain, as they had been termed) they might well doubt whether the mother country could compete with her Colonies of that day. What the future would develop no one could tell, but when they saw that the Colonies could bring to an Exhibition like the present one forty tons of the most superb comb and extracted honey, it behoved the mother country to look around and exert all her energies to keep pace with her children. The difficulty of doing so was apparent in many ways, and not least when they looked at the productions of wheat grain in the Colonies of Australia and New Zealand—far finer than anything that could be produced in Britain. Thirty-five years ago in Kangaroo Island, which was at the present time devoted to the breeding of Italian bees in their pure state, the Legislature of South Australia prohibited the introduction of any other race of bees in that island. They could boast of nothing like that in the old country. They imported Italian bees, but did not attempt to keep a race pure. He thought it was very likely that the Exhibition would become a permanency, in which event they would, he was delighted to say, have many opportunities of fraternising with their brother bee-keepers from the other side of the Atlantic, which he hoped would tend to increase the bonds of amity between the mother country and her children.

Dr. May (Commissioner for Education, Canada,) said he could not find adequate words wherewith to express his acknowledgments of the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted of 'Prosperity to our Colonies.' The first thing upon which he must congratulate the B. B. K. A. was that they had a taste for the beautiful, which was evident by the presence of so many ladies at that gathering—a proof that bee-keepers were loyal to other queens besides the queen-bee. (Laughter.) On behalf of the Colonies he was glad to say they were a prospering hive who were proud of their connection with the parent stock, and far from entering into rivalry they wished to work hand in hand with the mother country. He hoped they would not think him egotistic if he spoke of his own colony in particular. Very little had been known heretofore about Canada in the old country. Canada had been described, only recently, as being fifty miles wide, and separated by a belt of trees from the north pole. (Laughter.) That was an extraordinary state-