

that those who favor the change, and also those who do not favor it, write directly to Thos. G. Newman & Son, 925 West Madison St., Chicago, recording their vote; and Messrs. Newman, after receiving them, can transmit them to the officers of the society, who will act accordingly.

Accompanying this proof was a letter from E. R. Root, wherein he says:

"Enclosed find copy of an article to appear in our next journal in regard to the place of the next meeting of the N. A. B. K. A. You will see that the remark that you dropped very casually is about to result in a change to Buffalo. I feel pretty sure that you Canucks will not object at all—at any rate, since the C. B. J. started the ball rolling. ERNEST R. ROOT.

Medina, Ohio, Oct. 7, '89.

We ran over the proof hurriedly, and then went back to our own article to see whether we had led the public to believe that we were desirous of having the convention at Buffalo. We concluded that if read carefully no such mistake should occur, but it evidently had. We at once wrote to *Gleanings* protesting against any change at this date, a copy of which letter we append:

*Friend Root.*—I was surprised (when I received the advance proof you were kind enough to forward) to learn that a change of the place of holding the coming International was being talked of, and that the item which I penned for the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL of Sept. 18, was being taken as a basis. Please take notice that the item referred to, suggested Buffalo as the place of holding the International for 1890—not for the one just upon us. I do not know whether it has been understood in this way or not, but if the article be read through to the end there should be no mistake.

I must say that I am opposed to making any change at this late date. Dozens of Canadians have arranged to be at Brantford, who will not go to Buffalo, especially those from the Eastern Counties. The building in which the meeting is to be held is spoken for, and railroad rates are about settled, while all the other necessary arrangements are completed.

Again the majority of the local Ontario associations have appointed delegates, and these—not over-affluent societies—have doubtless counted well the cost of sending their delegates, while an extra expense of \$3 or \$4 will probably be the means of keeping them at home. Then, too, the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association at its last annual meeting passed a resolution calling "a special general meeting at Brantford, at the same time as the International" and the

President, Vice-President and Directors (15 in all) were appointed delegates.

As to the membership Dr. Mason suggests that it is none of our business where the meeting is held. By "our" I mean, all Canadians, outside D. A. Jones and R. F. Holterman. It is a well known fact that the great bulk of the membership each year comes from the vicinity where the annual meeting is held, and Canada will not be behind in this respect. As proof of my statement, take the Detroit Convention; 68 out of 103 members were from Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. If the association is International, surely Canadians have a right to an occasional meeting. But the greatest reason of all is that the suggestion comes too late in the day. I trust that my writing will not be taken as presumption, as I am not a member, but hope to be. F. H. MACPHERSON,

Beeton, Oct. 10, 1889.

We at once wrote to a number of bee-keepers, who we knew expected to be at Brantford, asking their opinions and we give them below. It would appear that the secretary of the International had not been consulted in the matter, as no reference was made to it in a letter received from him a day after the advance proofs came to us. It is true that none of those whose names appear below are members of the N. A. B. K. A., and perhaps they may therefore be disqualified from saying anything on the subject, and by the way, while the reference as to who had any "say" in this matter, made by Dr. Mason, is literally true, yet it cannot be characterized as judicious, and is not what we should expect would emanate from the lips of the President who should have the *best interests* of the Association at heart—and surely a free discussion of this subject is *in its best interests*. Why then muzzle those who see fit to raise an objection? If given a chance they *will* doubtless become members. The Dr. has evidently spoken rather hastily, and we are sure he will wish to qualify his remarks. At any rate we take the liberty of calling on all who wish to raise their voice to do so through the columns of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and their sentiments shall reach the secretary of the Association. Let those who speak do so at once and if the votes are not counted in making the decision, we as Canadians can say that we have done our duty.