

Through the Toronto Globe the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal, has invited manufacturers of vinegar and consumers of vinegar to visit the Council Chambers, Toronto, Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th, to see and test samples of honey vinegar. Will those attending the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association Convention those days please bring along samples of vinegar. Those not able to attend, can send samples, charges prepaid, addressed to R. F. Holtermann, Bee-Keepers Convention, Council Chambers, Toronto. Send so as to reach Toronto about the 8th of December. We would advise putting the vinegar in a neat, clear pint or quart bottle. Put your name on a label pasted on the bottle. If you like, write the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal stating what quantity you can supply and the price f.o.b. your railroad station.

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As we go to press, we are pleased to be able to announce that on Saturday, Nov. 21st, the president of The Annual Meeting the association of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association. The object of his visit was to arrange with the Controller of

Inland Revenue for the enforcement of the Adulteration Act, thus taking this great expense from the individual or association and putting it in the hands of the Government, the place it properly belongs. A fuller report will be given to members at the annual meeting. Mr. Holtermann also secured the presence of Mr. Macfarlane, the chief analyst of the department, and the Controller, Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere has promised to amend, if bee-keepers wish it, the Adulteration Act, which amendment requires no act of Parliament, but can be made by order in council, compelling bee-keepers to place no honey on the market with the per centage of water above a certain standard. Such an act would stop the marketing of thin and unripe honey. The object of the visit of the Dominion Analyst is to get the views of the asso-

ciation upon this question. While in Ottawa, Mr. Holtermann received a promise from the Hon. Sidney E. Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture. He will be present at some time during convention, probably the first day.

### Lord Aberdeen's Reference to Our Association.

It is with some satisfaction we notice that the first gentleman in Canada our Governor General, is a regular reader of this Journal and of our reports. In his recent address at Markham, he made reference to our work in the following terms:—"What did we read in one of the Toronto daily newspapers last Monday? We read, or might have read the following: 'Canadian apples, London, Sept. 27. Messrs. Woodall & Co. of Liverpool, report that Canadian fruit arrived freely during the past week, and has shown more quality. The quotations per barrel are as follows: Fancy reds, 14s. to 17s. 9d. good reds, 12s. to 15s.; 20 oz., 9s. to 11s.; White & Co., of London, report the arrival of 700 barrels from Canada, chiefly fall fruit, fetching 10s. to 14s. per barrel; also 800 Nova Scotians, chiefly Gravensteins, fetching 8s. to 12s. A large quantity came here via Liverpool, of which Baldwins fetched 11s. to 13s. per barrel; Kings, 14s. to 17s.; Greenings, 10s. to 11s. A lot of these were slack-packed fall fruit, and ought never to have been shipped here, as it spoils the business. There is every prospect of good business for good apples, properly packed, arriving here in good condition.'

"It is not the first time that we have heard something of this sort. If any one were to stand up in this crowd and say something hostile to Canada or her trade, I don't think he would get a favorable reception. I would not envy him. But what about sending inferior and badly packed articles to a distant market? However unintentional there is the liability to a harmful result. (Hear, hear.) I believe Sir Charles Tupper, when High Commissioner, did good service when he objected to all the apples from this continent being described as American. He encouraged a system by which Canadian apples should be classified as a distinctive article in the British market. This is, of course, desirable, but it involves responsibilities, as well as advantages. If Canadian apples are to be classified as such, this, of itself, emphasizes the need of care and watchfulness. And I venture to say that the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association