

called upon our friend Mr. McKnight to read the following

ADDRESS.

To Thomas William Cowan, Esq:

DEAR SIR.—On behalf of the beekeepers of Ontario we bid you and Mrs. Cowan welcome to Canada. As chairman of the British Bee-keepers' Association, we recognize in you the representative of a body of philanthropic gentlemen who devote much of their time to the promotion of apicultural knowledge among the artizan and laboring classes of your own country.

We are not ignorant of the good work you have accomplished. We know you have been instrumental in inducing thousands of your countrymen to embark in the fascinating work of bee-keeping, and thus spend their leisure hours in healthful, profitable employment. The fact that the association of which you are the chairman (with its affiliated branches) numbers some ten thousand members attests the success of your labors. We sincerely hope that you and your associates may be long spared to prosecute the good work so well organized and so skilfully conducted.

As proprietor and editor-in-chief of the *British Bee Journal* you are better known to the apicultural world than most of your countrymen. Your published works on scientific and practical bee-keeping have won for you a name and a fame far beyond your own sea-girt home. We rejoice in the opportunity this visit affords us of making a closer and more personal acquaintance with you.

We indulge the hope that your present visit to the United States and Canada and your personal intercourse with the leading bee-keepers of both countries will increase your zeal in the good work of teaching men the means and methods whereby the earth may be made to yield its increase of delicious and healthful nectar, which abound in the flora, in the fields and in the forests of most countries. The extent to which the honey industry may be developed is as yet but little understood, and he who labours to make it better known is certainly doing as much for mankind as he who makes two blades of grass grow where but one flourished before.

We are especially pleased that you so timed your visit to Toronto as to be able to witness the display of Canada's industrial products now on exhibition here. A careful examination of these will help you to form a just estimate of what the people of this young country have accomplished within the present generation, and give you an idea of the resources of the Dominion. It will serve to prove to you that Canadians are not drones in this hive of British

colonists, and mayhap inspire you with the common faith of our countrymen that

"If our past has records few  
In battle, song or story,  
Our future rises fair to view,  
Gleaming with morning's youthful dew  
And bright with coming glory.

Accept this trifle as a slight but tangible expression of respect and esteem for you, as a man and a brother bee-keeper. We wish you and Mrs. Cowan a pleasant time while you remain on this side of the Atlantic and a safe return to your home and family beyond the seas.

R. MCKNIGHT,  
Chairman Reception Committee.  
WM. COUSE,  
Secretary.

At the proper moment, a solid gold-headed, ebony-handled cane, of beautiful workmanship and design, was handed Mr. Cowan by Mr. Jones. The cane was the best that could be purchased in the city of Toronto, and bore the following inscription:

TO  
THOS. WM. COWAN, ESQ.,  
Chairman B. B. K. A.  
PRESENTED BY  
THE BEE-KEEPERS OF ONTARIO,  
In commemoration of his visit to Canada.  
1887.

The address to Mr. Cowan was neatly engrossed on parchment and looked very well.

In a personal address Mr. McKnight welcomed Mr. Young to the country, and assured him on behalf of the beekeepers of Ontario that his visit would do much towards strengthening the ties of friendship between the bee-keeping brethren of Norway and this country. The difference in the tongues spoken in the two countries would always, however, prove somewhat of a drawback to that friendly intercourse which we could wish. At the conclusion of the address, and after alluding in his own jocose way to the soothing effects of smoke on bees and in some instances on bee-keepers, Mr. McKnight presented Mr. Young with a handsome meerschaum pipe and pipe case.

In replying, Mr. Cowan stated that when he received the invitation to visit Toronto, he had no idea of being made the recipient of any souvenir at the hands of the bee-keepers; he had found much pleasure in the visit, both to him