

kind of a meeting are we going to have in Walkerton, I am afraid of it; I said, 'Dont be alarmed; I said the meeting is going to be good or bad in proportion to the preliminary work. We selected a room that would hold five hundred but they had to bring chairs into that meeting to put in the aisles. You can do it and you ought to do it and I would like to see the time come when the bee-keepers of the province of Ontario took the same stand along with the other live stock associations so that you would have twenty thousand people to pass through your gates to see what you were doing and to see what was being done. Maybe that is going a little too far. I tell you just as I said when I opened my address, I said that the people were hungering and thirsting for information. We are getting inquiries every day about bees; people want to branch out and we find the younger people are growing up and asking for information concerning the common things that are about them. I dont know anything amongst nature's studies better than to give a child a hive of bees; if the parents, if the older brothers, those of you who are here could take those children and bring them along and get the school teachers interested and offer prizes for the best collection at the fall fairs, raised by the boys, of flowers, fruits and so on, I believe we would have such an awakening in apiculture that the amount of honey produced would exceed the demand and if at the same time we carried along a package of tracts and kept the papers full of it from one meeting to the other and kept talking honey honey in all our agricultural papers a very great interest would be taken and the demand would be increased. You have to keep these things before the people. As it is at present there is so much lack of interest that the

chopping down of a tree or having to feed the pigs will keep them away from the meeting but if they have been thinking of that meeting for eight months or a year ahead you would have a very much greater attendance. I think you men, who are thinking along these lines and using your brains to the very best advantage, are not doing enough; you are doing all this but you do not get a chance to tell the great number of people about it; you are to a large extent wasting time. A great many have heard these things before and they are here for new inspirations and to see if they cannot increase along new lines.

Now I want to know how I can help you. As Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes I have in this vicinity five hundred members within a radius of 20 miles of here. I could have easily enough sent out a circular, co-operating with you, to reach the farmers telling them there was going to be a bee-keepers' convention at Barrie. That may be the duty of your secretary but he may not be in a position to do it. I would say to you get in a closer touch with us in the Department whereby we can do the same for you as for the live stock men, the farmers' institutes, the dairy men and the fruit men. We do not get in close enough touch with you. Maybe it is our fault, maybe it is your fault, but between us we ought to get close enough together to help the bee industry. (Applause.)

I have thought and I have talked it over with a few and therefore, although it is only a thought, I will throw it out here for what it is worth. Could you come in closer touch by affiliating, not in the sense of being absorbed, with the fruit growers? I suppose if we were to take a vote in this meeting we would find that every