

some data upon which to talk. Also give number of hives of bees you lost last winter and spring, the number you started with this spring, number you have now, amount of honey taken and how much of it was comb. Also give what information you can about others who have bees in your locality. I am expected to make a report at the Convention but cannot do so without your assistance. Please, friends, do not delay, it always takes time to accomplish any such undertaking.

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Vice-President for Ontario branch North American Bee-Keepers' Association.

Belmont, Ont., Oct. 13th, 1885.

We hope that every one intending to be present will notify friend P. at once and send as well a report of the season's operations, and, whether you intend going or not, send him your report that he may be able intelligently to talk of the work of the year in Ontario. A full report of the proceedings will of course appear in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL directly after.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

#### ORGANIZATION.

**I**N attending the late Ontario Bee-Keepers' Convention in Toronto, I was greatly astonished at the small attendance; instead of the fifteen or twenty persons that were present at the first morning's and night's meetings there should have been at least one hundred to two hundred present. And in looking at the small assembly, it occurred to me that there was a cause for such a small showing of bee-keepers. I believe the cause exists in not being organized as we should be, and if that be the real cause it is time we were making an effort to drag ourselves out of the deplorable condition we have got into. By so doing we will show to other bee-keepers, that are not members, that we exist in something more than name only. I want it understood that I am speaking for myself only, and giving others my opinion, for I believe if we exchange ideas it will help to promote our best interests. I will in the first place propose that we change the "Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association" to the "Dominion of Canada Bee-Keepers' Association," or the "British North America Bee-Keepers' Association." In conjunction with the head Association let there be formed county organizations, or, if thought best, let two or more counties amalgamate, and let it's name be that of

the united counties. If there already exists two or more associations in one county let them be amalgamated under one name. By forming county organizations we would be able to reach every bee-keeper in Canada. If the bee-keepers could meet quarterly or oftener, they would find that it would be of great benefit to them in deciding upon the price of honey, and how to dispose of the same, to the best advantage. In this paper I will not attempt to give a full explanation of how to accomplish it, but leave it for some future time or until I find out the opinion of other bee-keepers upon organization.

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While this subject is under discussion let everybody who has an idea put it forward. You all know the old proverb: "In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom."

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

AT THE LATE MEETING OF THE O.B.K.A.

**T**HIS address we endeavored to get directly after the Association's meeting, but as it had passed out of the hands of the President—Dr. J. C. Thom—we were unable to secure it till now.

*Ladies and Gentlemen of the Bee-Keepers' Association of Ontario.*

It being prescribed by the Constitution that the President deliver an annual address at the expiration of his term of office, in compliance therewith I have thrown a few thoughts together, which may serve to indicate the progress already made in the past few years, and the directions in which we are now tending toward further developments in the science and art of Bee-Culture.

Our art is eminently a progressive one, as the most casual observer cannot fail to notice, more especially if he be of somewhat mature years. Let him enter the well-kept apiary of one of our progressive bee-men, during the month of July, we will suppose. Instead of the few weather-beaten, worm eaten, weed-overgrown homes, (save the mark!) of the tidy little insect, placed in the most neglected corner of the garden, which he remembers in his boyhood's sunny days, what does he behold? Why the long rows of neat, trim hives, shaded by the broad-leaved purpling grape, the avenues as closely clipped as the lawn of the millionaire. Swarming is in progress; but with the quickness born of experience, the golden queen is caged, other swarms return as at the