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and stay right with us until noon on Friday.

The Wednesday evening session should be particularly interesting, as we are to meet with the other Associations which meet in Toronto at that time, such as the Fruit Growers, Vegetable Growers, etc. Mr. Putnam, Director of the Institutes Branch, has this in charge, and is arranging for a large mass meeting in Convocation Hall of the University.

The discussion Thursday morning of the Foul Brood situation is particularly important. European Foul Brood is spreading very rapidly in districts where it is now located, and the bee-keepers must face the situation squarely or the business will be ruined in those counties and the disease spread over the whole Province. The balance of the session is intended to be of special value to those who are thinking of increasing their business and starting out-apiaries, or who have done so already. I need not tell you that Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Byer have both been eminently successful in this line, and Mr. Enos Farr has been using a motor truck this season with remarkable success for out-apiary work. As other Ontario bee-keepers have been doing the same, we hope that they will also be present and add their experience to this valuable discussion.

Messrs. Dunn, Harkness and Houghton have not appeared on our program previously, but I can assure you that Mr. Dunn is a brilliant, entertaining speaker, Mr. Harkness is a regular Institute speaker and has been remarkably successful with bees in Dundas County, and Mr. Houghton is one of our rising young men in keeping bees on the farm. Mr. McIntosh was one of the first of the district representatives to take a live interest in bee-keeping. It was on his initiative that Bee Institutes were first undertaken in Hastings County a year or two ago and a County

Association organized there with Mr. McIntosh as Secretary. I don't think that Mr. J. W. Clark, the well-known poultry expert, needs to be introduced, as he has spoken at Farmers' Institutes all over Ontario.

You will be pleased to know that the Minister of Agriculture will be with us on Thursday afternoon. We had the pleasure of an interesting talk from the late Deputy Minister, Mr. James, last year, and this year the Hon. Mr. Duff has consented to meet with us and give us an address.

At the Friday morning session there is always a certain amount of unfinished business to be disposed of, and in addition to this we have two speakers. Mr. Tyrrell will present the problems confronting the National Association, as seen by the Secretary, and Mr. F. W. L. Sladen, the new Assistant in Apiculture at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will speak on the subject of bee-breeding. This most important subject should be well handled by Mr. Sladen, as he has devoted a great deal of study to the raising of queens and the development of an improved race of bees.

I think I can safely say the attendance at this convention last year was the largest the Association had ever seen. Some members present thought there was too much Foul Brood and Co-operation on the program, so we have got back more to questions of management—with this difference, however, that the interests of advanced bee-keepers will be considered more than formerly, on the ground that elementary instruction is given in the county convention, the bee institute and the College Short Course.

Hoping to meet large numbers of the readers of the C.B.J. at this convention, I am,

Yours very truly,

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