

present. Besides, the Eastern States are deserving of it in their turn. Think of it, and come prepared to do the matter justice, in the best interest of the Association.

This set the ball rolling; and, of course, in view of the foregoing considerations I could not help giving it another boost by writing the following letter to Dr. Mason, president of the Association, which will explain itself:

*Friend Mason:*—The last leading editorial in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL for Sept. 18th strikes upon a point that I have been thinking of for a long time. The reason the next international convention was located at Brantford was because its secretary lived there, and could see to all the necessary business; but now I am informed he has moved away, and has been away for some time. Now, the question comes up, What attraction or what reason is there for having the convention in a small town in Canada, with nothing particularly to call it there now? The population of Brantford is only 13,000, and it is about 70 miles from Buffalo by rail. Why wouldn't it be a good scheme to change the convention to Buffalo, on the border of the two countries, in a city of 250,000 population, and in a vicinity where some of the best bee-keepers in the world are located? We can surely get better rates of travel to Buffalo. Furthermore, there is a good live man by the name of O. L. Hershiser, with whom you are acquainted, in that vicinity, and you may be sure he will leave no stone unturned to make the next international a success so far as accommodation, rates of travel, etc. are concerned. Buffalo in the winter time is a place of great resort, on account of the Falls, and I am satisfied that a larger attendance can be had by some outside attraction than by bees alone. At New Orleans there was the largest attendance at the international in its history; and the reason of it was the World's Exposition. We were interrupted a little, it is true, by those coming in and going out, but I would a great deal rather attend a convention where there is a large attendance with some interruptions than a small one-horse affair with an international name and no interruptions. Now, my better half and I, and, in fact, the whole of the Roots, want to see Niagara Falls in the winter. For the sake of the women, therefore, and for the sake of securing the presence of the New England and New York bee-keepers, exert your influence in favor of Buffalo, N. Y. The Canadians, according to the C. B. J., will be just as willing to attend. There is nothing at Brantford now to attract the convention, and there is no reason why it should be held there. I will write to Prof. Cook, and also Mr. Newman, and the secretary, Mr. Holtermann. The latter, under existing circumstances would, I think, just as soon have it at Buffalo as at Brantford. We changed our place of meeting last year, and why not change it now? Times and circumstances alter cases very materially sometimes. Whatever you may think or say remember that at Brantford there used to be a secretary of the International Beekeepers Association. These attractions are now all gone. ERNEST R. ROOT.

Medina, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1889.

Hardly deeming it advisable yet to do anything about it in print, I sent press copies of this

letter to Prof. Cook, who originally proposed meeting at Brantford, and to the editor of the American Bee Journal, Mr. Newman. The following replies were received, all of which seconded the change. The first one is from the president, who writes as follows:

*Friend Ernest:*—Yes, I am in favor of a change of the place of meeting of the International convention, provided the Canucks so desire. Come to think about it, though, I don't think that it is any of their business, with the exception of Messrs. Jones and Holtermann. I believe they are the only members in Canada. But why not put it at Niagara Falls, on the Canadian side, then we should be right where we could see the "beauty" without leaving the convention. I am willing to go anywhere my funds will allow; and if I am short in December, you'll not see me at the convention; but I hope to be there, and Mrs. Mason with me.

Auburndale, O., Oct. 1, 1889. A. B. MASON.

I think I should still prefer Buffalo as the place of meeting, to Niagara Falls itself. Buffalo, besides being centrally located, is so near and accessible, to the Falls that those who so desire can visit them after the date of the convention. If, on the other hand, it were held at the Falls, there would be more or less interruptions during the session. In other words; Buffalo would be just near enough to be an attraction, and yet sufficiently removed from the roar of the great cataract to avoid interruptions.

Prof. A. J. Cook writes in this manner:

*Dear Friend:*—I think your reasons are good. We all only wish the best interests of the society. If they would be best served by changing to Buffalo, as seems likely, then I say Buffalo. I see no objection unless the secretary or the Canadian bee-keepers object.

A. J. COOK.

Agricultural College, Mich., Sept. 30, 1889.

Brother Newman indorses it in this vigorous style:

*Friend Root:*—Yours is received, with press copy of letter to Dr. Mason, which I have read carefully. If the Canadians don't object seriously, I see no reason why the convention should not be at Buffalo. Our best convention was held at Detroit in 1885, on the border between the U. S. and Canada. The meeting at New Orleans was not one of the National Conventions. It was an extra, but it was good, and just as you say. Count me and the American Bee Journal in favor of Buffalo, and send me advanced proofs of matter for Gleanings about the change, and I will second your motion, and support it to the best of my ability.

Chicago, Sept., 30, 1889. T. G. NEWMAN.

Perhaps I should have sent a press copy to the Secretary, R. F. Holtermann, now of Fishersville, Ont., Can., but not ther, remembering his address it was overlooked until now. I feel quite sure he will endorse the change.

Now, then, you have the full facts before you. That we may ascertain the pleasure of the members of the Association and others, I suggest