

great American live stock men themselves state. Next week this fair will be held there — the greatest educational fair ; not so large as the Chicago fair but in its educational and beneficial features far outranking even that. After some four or five years we have brought that up to what may be considered its maximum condition ; and we have thought, especially in connection with the Fruit Growers movement in this country, that a fair somewhat along those lines might be inaugurated to benefit the fruit growing interests, and then the question at once came up, if that is so, why could we not take and affiliate with it the honey interests. I don't know whether we are going to work that out or not. The proposition is to have the Fruit Growers Association meet in Toronto next year, say in the month of November, and the probability is if we can get suitable accomodation we will make the experiment of having in connection with it an Ontario Fruit Fair at which fruit will be exhibited, at which all the implements and instruments used in connection with fruit growing will be exhibited, instruction given and so on. If that is done could not the bee keepers come in and cooperate and have a portion of that? (Hear, hear) If that should develop we would like to have your cooperation. I do not say yet that it will but we are thinking pretty seriously of it and if we can get the building and get the ground we are looking for I think we will have the hearty cooperation of the fruit men and it would be a fine thing for the fruit and honey industries of this country to have them united—fruit honey and flowers—I have no doubt we could add that and have the fair at a central point in Toronto and in connection with it you might hold your annual meeting. Do not lay

your plans definitely too soon until you see what is likely to be done in connection with that and if we decide to go on with it I trust you will come in with us and help to make it a great success. The idea will be to begin on a small scale and gradually build up until it assumes Provincial if not Dominion proportions.

I am sorry indeed that the bee keepers have not been able to hold their meeting here in Trenton earlier in the year. You come and you are entirely concerned with the business of this meeting and you seem to have more business than you will be able to get through with and properly settle. I do not know whether those who have come from a distance understand you are meeting here at, so to speak, the gateway to one of the most beautiful spots in the Province of Ontario, in fact in the whole Dominion of Canada. I know what I am speaking about because I was brought up at the other end of this beautiful Bay of Quinte and spent many a year around its shores in various places. We are here on a spot that I say is one of the most beautiful spots in all Canada. If you were here in the summer time and could take a boat and go up and down this beautiful Bay, especially in the month of June when the shores are green and the orchards in such fine condition, you would be charmed with the appearance of it and go away with a very much better idea of the town and locality than you can have by visiting it in the winter. You are on historic ground, too. Just past the place where we are sitting the old French fur traders, the first French explorers of this country went up and down through the old historic Trent valley. There are historic associations then in addition to the beautiful scenery we have here. It is almost exactly one hun-