

study their own interests by copying the example of the stockmen in this regard? Yes, by all means, yes! And one point more in this connection, and one which many bee-keepers scattered over the province will do well to study and ponder carefully, and that is the fact that the stockmen find that it pays to be a member of the Provincial Association which is studying and advancing their interests.

Bee-keepers in the remote parts of the Province into whose hands the Government report may fall will please make a note of this and remember at the same time that the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association is studying to advance your interests, and like the stockmen you will study your own interest by communicating with the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Couse, of Streetsville, and secure membership in the Association which is trying to do you good.

And now, Mr. President, I have already taken up too much time, and in conclusion I would say to those who have come expecting to hear a flowery dissertation on scientific queen rearing, and to those who may have wished that their favorite kind or race of queens would get an advance in the address, if such has been your anticipation I can only tender you my sympathy in your disappointment. I said at the outset that we had met for practical purposes and I have endeavored to give you a plain, practical talk on the topic assigned to me, and I hope my address and the discussion which will follow may prove a practical benefit, not only to those gathered at this convention here, but to many of our fellows who are not privileged to be with us.

Wishing you and each of you and engaged in Apicultural pursuits the fullest possible measure of success I beg to conclude. (Applause).

Mr. McEvoy: That is the best

paper on the subject ever presented to this association and I think that our President will bear me out in this statement.

Mr. Post: I agree with you Mr. McEvoy, the paper just read is a very excellent one.

Mr. Fixter: Do you advise raising your own queens or buying them?

Mr. Holmes: Answering that, I should say that I buy largely. I of course raise a few queens but I buy the most of them.

Mr. Hall: Mr. Langstroth and many other men go in for prolificness; Mr. Holmes has got the same fad. Fad I will call it; fad it is. All those of you who have taken honey and have taken notice of the stock of bees you have received it from, will notice sometimes two stocks of bees equally strong and the one will gather three times as much honey as the other, while the one queen is just as prolific as the other. I do not want the prolific queen except her progeny are workers,—honey gatherers. I have been so unfortunate as to have stocks of bees in my yard that would fill every corner of the hive with brood and consume every ounce of honey they gathered for the purpose of feeding it.

Mr. McEvoy: Providing the queen that furnishes the small quantity of bees and the queen which furnishes the large quantity of bees are equal so far as honey gathering qualities are concerned, wouldn't you prefer the one which produces the greatest quantity of bees?

Mr. Hall: I have had stocks of bees in my yard that apparently were only medium; I have had stocks in the same yard, perhaps along side of the other, with three times the quantity of worker bees and from all appearances supposed to be the same, but at the end of the honey harvest the one which gave me the smaller