

ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association was held in the Council Chamber in the city of Guelph, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 6th, 7th and 8th, 1898.

The President, Mr. M. B. HOLMES, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

The Secretary, Mr. WILLIAM COUSE, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which, on motion of Mr. W. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. A. Pickett, were adopted.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

By M. B. HOLMES, ATHENS.

It gives me a very great amount of pleasure to meet the bee-keepers of this the banner province of the Dominion of Canada on this occasion. There is a pleasure in meeting because of the very favorable season through which we have just passed, the honey harvest generally throughout the Province having been a good one. Some localities, however, report only a very low average yield of honey. Again there is pleasure in meeting because of the very excellent programme which we are able to place before you. Masters in apiculture from the north and south, from the east and west, and from the republic to the south of us, are to give us the full benefit of the advantage gained by years of study and research. Honorable gentlemen in high positions of trust in the government of this fair country are expected to speak to us. Truly this is a bill of fare which cannot fail to satisfy and please the most fastidious, and I presume the question arises: How can we do justice to this "feast of reason and flow of soul" in the short space of three days, the time allotted for our convention in this city?

The location contributes largely towards making the present meeting a pleasurable one. Guelph, the "Royal City," with its beautiful surroundings and its agricultural college with its most competent staff of professors and teachers, where every branch of agriculture and domestic science and economy is so thoroughly conducted and the principles so well inculcated (each under its own separate and distinct head) that even those who might be disposed to criticise are unable to do so. These, and other considerations to which reference might be made, certainly go a long way toward making our visit to this city a pleasure.

Our Association is moving along nicely, and it is certainly most gratifying to know that the work of disseminating useful knowledge among our members, while at the same time their personal interests are being served, is being so well accomplished. However, as there is an ever widening field before us, the methods at present employed will doubtless be changed and improved as time and circumstances may require, and as "England expects every man to do his duty," so in like manner let every member of this Association stand by the colors, and speak well and only well of the organization which has done so much for the bee-keepers of this country, and in this way help to swell our present membership by the addition of the names of hundreds of bee-keepers who have not as yet