

Keeper's Review, Flint, Mich., was also on hand and with his camera carried off the whole assembly (in photo). Mayor Slater, of Niagara Falls, who is really a "jolly good fellow", added a great deal to the pleasure and comfort of the occasion by his kindly attention and arrangements. It was a matter of no little disappointment to him that the members left for their homes so quickly after the last session as he had contemplated taking them for a drive around the Falls. However everything went off splendidly and we had a very pleasant time all through. The banquet in honor of the ex-presidents was a complete success; after the good things provided were done justice to, a very enjoyable time was spent listening to speeches, recitations and songs. I was rather disappointed at not seeing a larger turnout of ladies, I fully expected that every bee-keeper would have brought his better half to Niagara Falls. Almost every one of these fellows in their "sparking" days took their girls to all the entertainments that took place. Why don't they do so now? I don't believe that it is right for us to go to a nice social gathering such as we had and enjoy ourselves and leave our wives at home.

Our next convention will be held in Woodstock, where we have a good "Hall," and I hope that the executive will see that one evening is set apart for an entertainment and banquet such as we had at Niagara. I also earnestly hope that every bee-keeper will bring his wife along, it will do them good and make our meetings more pleasant and social. I will do what I can in this way; won't you?

Yours truly,

WM. McEvoy.

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The Value of Bees in Orchards.

Before the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association at Niagara Falls, on Dec. 6th, Dr. Fletcher, the Dominion Entomologist, of Ottawa, gave a very interesting address on the above subject, of which the following is a summary:—

In opening his remarks he said that the subject had doubtless been proposed for his discussion by the Council at the present time owing to the great interest held in the two law suits which were now attracting the attention of the bee-keepers in the United States and Canada. The case of Mr. Sparling, which had only recently been given in his favor, and the case of the Utter Brothers of Amity, N. Y., had been watched carefully as it was thought that these would be taken as precedents. He pointed out the advantage of every member of the Association keeping well posted in all matters bearing directly upon the subject of whether it is possible for bees to injure fruit or not. It had been claimed in both of these cases that several things which every bee-keeper knew were utterly impossible had been done. He was neither a practical bee-keeper nor a fruit grower but he was keenly interested in finding out what were the actual facts in regard to the alleged injuries to fruits by insects. He had studied the matter carefully for a great many years and from all he had been able to see and learn from the writings of reliable observers there had been no case of actual injury to sound fruit proved which was undoubtedly due in the first case to bees. He showed a diagram of the mouth parts of the bee and the wasp and explained the use for each organ. He was under the impression that nearly all of the injuries attributed to bees were begun