

ing the sweets of our clover and our various flowers in the country into honey is the development of a higher class of agricultural industry, and this being the case I feel I ought to take an interest in it and encourage its study so that the people may not only improve the industry but themselves. I believe it is one of the essentials of the agriculture of this country that our people should not simply be the drudges who have to till the soil and work out the crude products of the soil, but that they should also be the manufacturers of those crude products by turning them into the most compact and highly valuable products that they can possibly make them. By doing this they show their skill, they improve their own individual capacities, and I think benefit our country in just so far as they succeed and make progress in this direction.

I have come here not to tell you anything about your industry, for I frankly admit I know nothing about it, but I trust Mr. President, you will allow the proceedings of this afternoon to go on and I may be able to learn a little in the short time at my disposal. (Applause.)

Mr. J. D. Evans—We are glad to have the Hon. Mr. Fisher with us. We all realize how difficult it is for him to get away from his pressing duties to be with us, and therefore we are the more thankful that he has thought it worth while to come and see the bee-keepers. Although not very numerous we represent a vast amount of sweetness. I am very glad also, to say he is following a very good precedent, and I think it is a very good omen for him. Last year at Brantford we had the Hon. Mr. Hardy to give us an address and since then he has become Premier of Ontario, and we do not know what may happen within the next year.

I think about all we can ask from the Government is that they will endeavor to keep us honest. We simply go there for pure honey bills that we may persuade the people of this country that every pound of honey is pure honey. We have to thank the different governments and parliaments for what they have done for us; we are thankful for the bill that has been given us with regard to spraying trees. We have had from the Parliament the pure honey bill. I have therefore great pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Fisher for his presence here to-day.

Rev. W. F. Clarke—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The President put the motion which was carried amid applause.

Mr. Fisher acknowledged the vote of thanks.

Moved by Mr. B. Holmes, seconded by Mr. J. K. Darling that "Whereas the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association has, since its meeting in Convention, lost an honorable and respected officer by the death of Allan Pringle, of Selby, and whereas the organization of this Association and its incorporation by act of parliament was in a very considerable measure due to his clever assistance and shrewd management, and whereas during the many years in which he has served in official capacity, (occupying at times the highest posts of honor in the gift of the association) he has, by his genial and friendly manner, won the love of all who knew him, while at the same time his mature judgement and keen foresight in matters pertaining to our industry has commanded respect, even those who in some points differed with him being unconsciously drawn towards him, and whereas the bee-keeping world bow their head in sorrow at the announcement of his death, therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association take this, the first opportunity of giving a united expression of regret that we shall see Allan Pringle no more in our assemblies, nor feel the warm grasp of his hand in friendly greeting on the shores of time, and that we, his colleagues, extend to the widow and family of our late friend and co-worker our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their great trial, and that we trust that through the blinding mist of tears they may be able to see the hand of the Great Architect of the Universe and to hear his sweet voice, saying: "Fear not, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

And be it further resolved that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and an engrossed copy signed by the President and Secretary be sent to the widow of the late Allan Pringle. Carried by a rising vote.

Mr. Pettit—Is it advisable and proper to have supers in two parts or in one I mean a super sufficiently large to cover the top of the hive?

It is the practice of some bee-keepers to have it in two parts; it is also a general practice to have it in one part, of course tying up as the occasion may require. I believe this question of having the super in two parts is not a very old one.

Mr. F. A. Gemmill—I can't say that I have tried the two part supers very extensively. Mr. Hall has been in the habit of putting a small piece of board at each end of the super. The bees generally start to work at the side of the super nearest the brood nest. You can by this means pre-