

World's Fair cannot fail to enhance the standing, and promote the future interests of apiculture in Ontario. Some five or six hundred weight of the choicest of the Chicago exhibit, both extracted and comb, was disposed of to the Dominion Government for the Antwerp Exposition, which opens in Belgium next May.

Mr. Pringle had but little faith in the availability of those—that is markets for honey—that are trans-Atlantic or trans Pacific, while every opportunity of seeking and entering them should be taken, he would strongly urge the cultivation and development of the home market and those nearer home. The consumption of honey appeared to be increasing in about the same ratio as the increase in production, there being but little imported and very little to export. Let the production go on increasing as it may. It was safe to say that the consumption might be doubled and quadrupled and there still was abundant room for home market. Manitoba and the North West would consume large quantities and he had his doubt about her capabilities of honey production within her own territory. The adjacent states could not supply her as they could not now supply themselves. Honey was as yet but little more than a luxury on Canadian tables. With nothing but the pure article on the markets, at reasonable prices, it must become, more or less, a staple article of food.

The question with us was, has Ontario seen the best days in its honey producing capabilities? However this may be, one thing is certain, the Ontario Linden honey stands at the very head, and the linden tree is rapidly disappearing down the open and capacious maws of the pulp machines, the saw mills and the fallow fires. It was disappearing much faster than the uprising sprouts and saplings (spontaneous and cultivated) are taking its place. The basswood tree ought to be planted and cultivated by every farmer bee-keeper. If his circumstances require him to remove the basswood from his woodland, let him plant it around his domicile, along the fences and by the roadsides. Within a few years he has planted nearly a thousand and he would not have to live long to see some of them yielding nectar for the honey bee. Mr. Pringle closed his address in appropriate terms. During his address he was interrupted with repeated applause.

J. B. Hall—Do you know who will have charge of the comb honey which is to go to Antwerp?

Mr. Pringle—I packed the honey and gave the instructions.

Mr. Pettit—I arise to express my pleasure at what Mr. Pringle says, it reiterates what I said at Walkerton, that across the line in the United States is our best market. The closest market is the best and we must keep our hands clean and have a pure article, to give us the best advantage there.

Mr. McKnight, in a pleasant and fitting manner, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Pringle for the services he had rendered to bee-keepers as a representative at Chicago.

The remarks were emphasized by Mr. Hall and carried with applause.

Mr. Pringle said he did not deserve all that had been expressed. He had endeavored to serve bee-keepers and if he had been able to do this to their satisfaction he was amply repaid.

The election of officers resulted as before stated.

EVENING SESSION.

The newly elected President, A. Pickett, Nassagawawa, in taking the chair, thanked the Association in fitting and appropriate words for the honor conferred upon him.

J. K. Darling, Almonte, gave an address upon the influence everyone has for good or ill in the world, also the great responsibility resting upon us as individuals. The address with its elevating influence was well received.

Music, well rendered, and a recitation by Miss King, which was heartily enjoyed was followed by an address by Mr. Pettit.

Mr. S. T. Pettit, Belmont, thought that bee-keepers did not value their calling sufficiently. It was a calling worthy of our best affections and attention. Mr. Pettit thought each county should have an association affiliated with the Ontario. These should send delegates to the Ontario. The Ontario should ask for more of a government grant to carry on their work. He gave a list of grants received by other associations, showing that the Ontario was fairly entitled to an increase in grant.

The question drawer was now taken in hand.

What effect has upward ventilation on bees in winter and summer?—

R. H. Smith—In summer it reduces the temperature of the hive. I used to think ventilation went up, but I found at Mr. Alpaugh's, when shown, that ventilation went down when an opening was made at or near the top of the hive. In the cellar, the upward ventilation should allow moisture to escape.

Wm. Couse, Streetsville—My ideas are pretty well along the line of Mr. Smith's.

Mr. Aches—I like ventilation but not upward. Let the ventilation in cellaring