

Annual Meeting

Twentieth Annual
Meeting Bee-Keep-
ers' Assn., Ontario.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2 p. m. of Tuesday, December 5th, 1899, the twentieth annual meeting of the Bee-keepers' Association of Ontario met at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, with the President, W. J. Brown, of Chard, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Couse, and, on the motion of Mr. W. A. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shaver, they were confirmed.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. W. J. Brown, of Chard, President of the Association, then delivered the President's annual address:

"Once again we are assembled in this beautiful city of Toronto, where brotherly love and equal justice for every one of its citizens exists. We are assembled here in the common interests of our beloved pursuit. Progress in all lines in recent years has been marvellous indeed, and that in apiculture is no exception. You, gentlemen of this honorable society, in which we are all interested, have kept pace with your fellow-men in their respective callings.

"Since last we met, just one year ago, the Angel of Death has visited our membership, and one of our youngest and most esteemed officers has fallen a victim to this relentless foe; while our energetic Secretary was stricken with typhoid fever, and for many weeks lay at death's door.

"The past season has been a very unfavorable one in nearly all portions of the province; scores of bee-keepers have been compelled to feed

their bees in order that they might have sufficient stores to winter on.

"In passing, gentlemen, I might say it was with some misgivings that I assumed the honored position of presiding over your deliberations, but when called upon to do so I took up the task with a determination to do my duty without fear or favor from any source, and never to relinquish the one object I ought to have in view, namely—your interests at every turn. My success is largely due to the two worthy gentlemen whom you elected to co-operate with me. These two gentlemen have done all in their power to assist me to carry out the work for the past year. Each director responded at every call, and, with very few exceptions, every man in the ranks fell into line and offered every assistance in his power. Knowing this, it is with perfect confidence I stand before you to-day, believing that you will again assist to make this annual meeting one of the most pleasant and profitable in the history of the Association. Let your watchword be: "Peace and harmony in our ranks," for, let me tell you, brother bee-keepers, a house divided against itself will surely fall.

"There are many questions which will be laid before you for your consideration. Among others I might mention that of the Association purchasing from the Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., of Brantford, the Canadian Bee Journal, and assuming the management of that journal. With this matter I am not prepared to deal at any length. However, I would like to hear your opinion as to the probable cost of such a purchase, the probable cost of running the journal, and as to whether we could have all this done for less money than it costs us at present, or would we be in any better position by purchasing the Journal than we are now? These