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ANNUAL MEETING OF ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association held its 24th Annual Meeting in the Town Hall in the Town of Trenton, on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1903.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting, held at Barrie, which, on motion of Mr. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Gemmell, were confirmed and signed by the President.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By W. A. CHRYSLER, CHATHAM.

I am very much pleased to greet many of our old and new members that have assembled here this afternoon.

It might be well to remind ourselves that we are one year older than when we last met.

"Time rolls its ceaseless course"

The remembrances of past years picture varying degrees in the beekeepers enthusiasm.

While we have had in times past, good crops and fair prices, there have been others when large quantities of honey never reached a profitable market.

While some parts of the province have not been fortunate in obtaining good crop this season there is a

surplus in others that is causing some anxiety on the part of the holders.

The same old subjects that we have been discussing in our past meetings are no doubt instructive to all of us in obtaining perfection in our pursuit but I hope you will not allow them to become the all absorbing subjects for debate.

Let us not lose sight of the most vital subject at present conducive to the greatest success and profitability of our industry; which is the marketing and disposing of our honey in our own and distant markets.

The Honey Exchange Committee will present their report of their work during the past year enumerating their difficulties and recommendations, and I sincerely hope you one and all will give your undivided interest and express your views that something may result that will be the means of perfecting the plans already begun for the handling of all the honey that we, as beekeepers can produce.

When such a condition presents itself there will be such an expansion in the production and exportation that will be as startling as has been in many of our other Agricultural products.

Let us also profit if it is at all possible by our Foreign Exhibitions of honey held in so many parts of the civilized world during the past few years in all such exhibitions Canadian honey has taken no second place.