

and leading thoroughfares as we pass, thus laying down a mental chart for future pilotage through the great city.

Alighting at Craven street we repaired to our quarters and ordered luncheon. While partaking of our repast we canvass the incidents of the forenoon. Did you observe anything particular about the London people to-day? asked one. Yes, responded our dudish companion, they all wear 'beavers' and this fact has been a matter of great concern to me all the forenoon. I have always worn a 'christie stiff' myself, but we cannot afford to be odd in this place. You see we are about to present ourselves to the 'Royal Commission' and take our place at the great 'Colinderies' as representatives of the premier province of the Dominion and we must do so attired in a manner becoming that important position. I see no alternative but to supply ourselves at once with respectable 'tiles.' There the economist of the crowd put his hand involuntarily into his pocket declaring that his crop this year was not more than half an average that he could not afford such trappings and it would never do to wear 'plugs' at the expense of our constituents. That is all true replied our philosopher but every position in life has its disagreeable features. Representative men can never hope to be recouped for what they expend in a respectable and creditable maintenance of their representative positions. The man who undertakes to dance for the public must be prepared to pay the piper as well, so there is nothing left for us but to go down into our pockets and out into the street and provide ourselves with the regulation headgear. Why bless your life, he continued, I would as soon think of committing suicide as providing myself with a silk hat out of that honey. If I did so each time I put it on I should fancy I felt a sticky streamlet of clover nectar dripping from every hair of my head and falling upon my person inside my shirt collar. So say we all, chimed in the party, but our cautious economist once again reverted to the short crop and in an undertone was heard to remark, 'I suppose it must be done but if this is the beginning what will the end be.' Out we went in a body and were soon on our way back each one with a hat-box in hand. There is no time a man feels more respect for himself than when attired in a decent, fashionable and well fitting suit of clothes, and the world usually respects people in proportion as they respect themselves. Out of respect for ourselves then and to be respected by the respectable people among whom we were about to mingle, it was wise to follow the advice of our philosopher and do what we did. When your delegates went out to

present themselves to Sir Cunliffe, the master showman of the day, they might have been mistaken for respectable citizens of the fashionable 'West End' rather than denizens of the back woods of Canada. The metamorphoses caused by the shining beavers was great and the effect grand.

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CONVENTION MEDLEY.

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IT was necessary we should have a place to meet in so we were granted the free use of a "Hall" guarded by "Pickets" and as it was a cold time we were well supplied with "Wood." 'Twas there we saw the "Willows" and an "Orchard" that reverses the order of things by taking from instead of producing nectar for the bees, we were in "Anguish" the first evening to hear the Indian and Colonial Commissioners so that "Knight" revealed a great deal and the other two were about "Evans" with him, "E migh" they gave us "Wells" of news, of "Couse" (as the Yankee says) the Clarke was there and will give a fuller report than I can; suffice it to say that as soon as business was "Dunn" all made for their "Holmes."

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OHIO STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE Ohio State Bee-Keepers' Association held their annual convention at Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 11, 12 and 13, 1887.

FIRST DAY.

As there were but few present on the first day an informal meeting was held owing to the fact that the meeting was not given proper publication, although the meeting was very interesting.

SECOND DAY.

Morning session convention called to order with Dr. H. Besse in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report received. The election of officers being next in order resulted as follows: President, Ernest R. Root, Medina; Sec. Treas. Frank A. Eaton, Bluffton.

By request of the association Pres. Root gave a talk on "Foul Brood as it appeared in the home of the honey bee." In brief it was as follows:

The disease first broke out about the first of last July. He was not certain as to how it originated but thought it