

science and economy is so thoroughly conducted and the principles so well inculcated, each under its own separate and distinct head, that even those who might be disposed to criticise are unable to do so. These and other considerations, to which reference might be made, certainly go a long way toward making our visit to this city a pleasure.

Our beloved Association is moving along nicely and it is certainly most gratifying to know that the work of disseminating useful knowledge among our members, while at the same time their personal interests are being served, is being so well accomplished. However, as there is an ever widening field before us, the methods at present employed will doubtless be changed and improved as time and circumstances may require, and as "England expects every man to do his duty," so, in like manner let every member of this Association stand by the colors and speak well and only well of the organization which has done so much for the bee-keepers of this country and in this way help to swell our present membership by the addition of the names of hundreds of bee-keepers who have not, as yet, realized the true import of a membership with us.

In this connection the recommendation of a Lecturer at Farmer's Institutes, (the appointee of the Provincial Government) might be worthy of your consideration. In any event, first and last and all the time, let us be loyal to the organization which has for its object the promotion of the best interests of bee-keepers in general. Gentlemen, the truest badge of membership and the best show of sincerity is a loyalty that manifests itself when there are no selfish interests to serve.

The inspector of apiaries has, so far as I have been able to learn, attended to the work in connection with his department in a manner which has been quite satisfactory to all concerned. His report will, however, be submitted for your consideration and approval.

The present prices of honey, with the slightly downward tendency incident to the harvesting of a good crop, will probably have a discouraging effect upon some of the bee-keepers of this province.

The history of the butter and cheese industry would certainly be an interesting and profitable study for all such. When the price of cheese commenced to decline, the dairymen did not for a moment entertain the thought of giving up the business. On the contrary, they de-

ecided to keep a larger number of cows and to introduce new systems of feeding with a view to increasing the yield of milk per cow, "and the result with the "up-to-date" dairyman is that the average yield of milk per cow has been doubled and in many instances more than doubled. No, the dairymen did not give up because of low prices, and may we not profit by a study of their movements? Following their example we will keep a greater number of colonies of the very best bees that money can buy, sparing no pains or expense to improve and make the most of the bee-pasturage in our various localities and thus keeping pace and co-operating with the dairymen, we will do our part in making this fair Canada what it was originally intended to be,—"A land flowing with milk and honey."

I thank you for the honor you conferred upon me by making me your president one year ago, and while there may have been errors and omissions which my successor will studiously avoid, I have, nevertheless, endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties incumbent upon me, and beg to assure you that I have appreciated and do appreciate the uniform kindness that has been shown me by one and all.

In conclusion, I sincerely hope that the highest measure of success and happiness may attend you and each of you and that the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association may have an ever increasing prosperity and flourish forever.

Spring Management, by Mr. H. G. Sibbald.

The subject assigned to me is Spring management. Perhaps the first consideration for those of us who winter our bees in the cellar is, when to set them out. I would say as early as possible after the middle of March. A few years ago, a month later was considered right. But from experience, I believe better results follow earlier setting out.

We save a few colonies that might not have stores to last until the middle of April, some that are affected with dysentery, and any that are restless, by giving them an earlier fly and earlier attention.

Next comes how to set them out, each hive ought to be placed on the stand it occupied the previous summer, for the following reasons: they remember their old location and will return to it, if placed on any other stand, thus mixing up with other colonies causing discontent, swarming out, queen-balling, and general dis-