

the O.B.K.A. when some decisive steps will probably be taken in the matter; in the meantime however, it is necessary that we should have the evidence and that at once.

For The Canadian Bee Journal.

THAT TRIBUTE.

DEAR SIR:—To carry out the project of the proposed tribute to our Colonial Commissioners will, of course, as you say, require funds, no matter what form the project may take. As the contribution fund has been generously opened by Mr. Chalmers I herewith enclose \$5 to be added to the same, and would beg to urge Ontario bee-keepers to send on their subscriptions at once—more or less whatever each can afford. These brethren—the commissioners—left their homes and their business in the interests of Canadian bee-keepers, and have evidently accomplished the objects of their mission faithfully and well. In Mr. Jones' case, especially, there must, I should think, have been a considerable personal sacrifice, seeing the magnitude of his business both as an apiarist and a manufacturer. This sacrifice he was willing to make, as he has always been willing to make, to advance the interests of Canadian apiculture. The proud international position our favorite pursuit occupies to-day is due more to the energy, enterprise and ability of Mr. D. A. Jones, than any other man or agency; and it is high time there was a more generous recognition of his services by Canadian bee-keepers. This is no disparagement to the other delegates, who have all done well and deserve our thanks, and they themselves will, I am sure, join me in giving Mr. Jones the foremost place of honor as a great and enterprising Canadian apiarist. Of course there are men at home who have contributed no inconsiderable share towards the promotion of bee-culture in Canada—our friend *brother* Clarke being among them as an old worker—but our concern just now is with the delegates. Let us give them a right royal welcome home, and we will be doing ourselves honor while honoring them. Will Messrs. Clarke, Thom, Couse, and the Junior Editor get their heads together and put the matter in shape; and meanwhile let subscribers send in their contributions at once.

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Selby, Nov. 24th, 1886.

In the name of the Committee we have to thank Mr. Pringle for his generous donation, which has been added to that of Mr. Chalmers and remains in our hands subject to the order of the Committee. It is time that something

definite was arrived at as to what the nature of the tribute shall be. A reception in the form of a luncheon or banquet—cold water—would seem to us nearly what should be. As Mr. Holtermann remarks in the paragraph which follows "any tribute of value" would be unnecessary, and out of place, and we feel satisfied not in accord with the wishes of the commissioners:

TRIBUTE OF GREAT PECUNIARY VALUE NOT WANTED.

Regarding the tribute to our commissioners it appears to me that it should be something of no great pecuniary value, such would be repugnant to the commissioners and an expense which those who have sent over honey and risked much and the proceeds, which after the tax which must necessarily be heavy upon honey which was sent, must be small would not warrant them in assuring it. It should therefore be something as a token of our gratitude to them and a memento. All bee-keepers must be grateful for what has been done, and for what has been done by these gentlemen, any financial remuneration would fall short and be an inadequate recompense. Therefore, let us not make even the semblance of an attempt at such. The burden of the expense should certainly be borne by those of us who have run no great risk in sending our honey and yet will derive all the benefits.

R. F. HOLTERMANN,

Brantford.

Dr. Thom writes as follows:

I am glad to see by a late number of the JOURNAL that it is generally felt that some expression of appreciation of their labors should be shown to the commissioners at the approaching convention on January 5th., and 6th., which I understand is the date now fixed for holding it. I would suggest that in order to strengthen the committee's hands, every one who intends to be present at the convention and join in the demonstration, (will it be a dinner or luncheon?) send in their names to the secretary, W. Couse, Meadowvale, P. O., without delay. Doing this will also assist the secretary greatly in procuring reduced railroad fares, as twenty-five at least must be in attendance at a convention before these be granted. I cordially agree with Mr. Pringle's suggestion that as he cannot very well act as chairman of the committee owing to distance from Toronto, the silver-tongued Rev. W. F. Clarke be requested to act in that capacity. If all who desire to join in this expression of welcome to our commissioners act as promptly as Mr. Chalmers has done, the work of the committee will be a comparatively easy one.

J. C. THOM.

Streetsville, Nov. 24th, '86