

of Meaford, where he went into the drug and grocery business. It was not long before he became one of its most enterprising citizens, taking an active part in everything pertaining to the advancement of the village. Three years later he was selected by the Reform Convention of East Grey to contest that intensely Conservative constituency against Mr. Flesher, but he was beaten by some 600 votes. The village of Meaford, and the adjoining township of St. Vincent (the only municipality in the riding in which he was personally known) gave him a majority of 169 votes, the largest majority given a candidate either since or before. At the next election he was again chosen to fight the battle of his party against his old opponent and this time he reduced Mr. Flesher's former majority by 300 votes. Some two years after this, Mr. Scott, the local member for North Grey was unseated and disqualified, and he was asked by the Reform Convention to go up and contest that riding. Here again he was handicapped,—being practically an outsider, while his opponent, Mr. Creighton, the present member, was editor and proprietor of the *Owen Sound Times*, and was well known throughout the riding. Notwithstanding all this, Mr. M. was only defeated by 59 votes. During all these contests he lost no friends in his own party, but gained many personal, if not political friends amongst his opponents. Shortly after his contest in North Grey the Registrarship of the County became vacant by the death of the incumbent and Mr. M. was offered and accepted the position.

This removed him from the arena of politics and gave him leisure to practise other pursuits for which he had a strong liking—notably floriculture and horticulture. His home at Owen Sound testifies to his taste and skill in both. Nor does he confine himself to his own home pursuits, but in everything for the good of his town he takes a lively interest. He is at present, president of the Mechanics Institute, a member of the Board of Education, also of the Board of Health, is one of the executive committee of the Board of Trade, and an active member of the Masonic fraternity, indeed his is a busy life.

As a bee-keeper he has had about seven years' experience, and he is fairly well known as one of the leading apiarists. He has been one of the leading spirits of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, being present at the convention held in Toronto, when it was first organized, and he presided over the deliberations of that meeting in the City Hall for three evenings. He was elected the Sec.-Treas. of the newly organized association, and on him devolved the perfecting of the organization, which he did thoroughly and well. For two years he held this position and during that time edited the Bee Department of the *Canadian Farmer*. The following year he was elected president and he has been on the executive committee ever since. His colonies now number 175, the product of two hives bought seven years ago. In the meantime he has sold perhaps \$200 worth of bees. He was appointed one of the delegates to represent Ontario's honey display, and it was a most fortunate thing that Mr. McKnight was appointed one of the Commissioners at the Colonial. The magnificent display of honey was due in a very great measure to his efforts, as after a fair trial, we all found that he possessed the *art* of staging the goods to the best possible advantage, and we think we may say without fear of contradiction that he has no superior, if an equal, in this line.

To him alone was left the entire arrangement of the display, and the bee-keepers of Ontario should feel very grateful for his untiring efforts in watching and carefully keeping the display up, changing it from day to day and from week to week, making it always look fresh, as if just placed in position.

He not only worked in the honey building, but frequently spent hours after midnight with the pen to maintain the honor and reputation of the bee-keepers of Ontario. He made many warm friends while there, and after he left many a kind word could be heard from those who regretted he had to leave so soon.

#### CONVENTION NOTICE.

The North Middlesex Bee-keepers' Association will meet in the Town Hall, Parkhill, on Thursday 31st March. There will be an afternoon and evening session. A large attendance is anticipated. A good line of supplies will be on exhibition.

A. W. HUMPHRIES, Sec.