

will find they have been benefited. I have attended a great many Farmers' Institutes in this country and I never yet have gone to one of these and come away when I did not feeling I had received some benefit and I have gone in my younger days to older men for information and they have turned me aside and I have had to find it out myself; I do not believe in that sort of thing, if any man comes to me and wants to know how I have attained such and such a result I will let him know it.

I wish you every success in your enterprise, you represent a large industry, it is composed of very small drops but taken together it means a great deal. Our people in this country and the people in the United States do not realize what it means, but you can add wealth to this country and to your country by paying attention to this industry. We who represent the province believe we help all the people when we help the bee-keepers of Ontario; and therefore it is, that we give grants year by year to this association and assist as far as we can to help them in their work. (Applause.)

Doctor Mason—It is with an unusual degree of pleasure I have listened to the address of your Hon. Minister of Agriculture. We people of the United States have not got on to all your kinks yet, but when I assure our friend that probably one quarter of those present this evening are from the United States, he can better appreciate the gladness with which we listen to those encouraging, kindly, and fraternal words. It makes us feel more brotherly. We had an address from our friend here this afternoon which just warmed us up. We have been pretty well posted with regard to what has been accomplished here in the interest of bee-keepers by your Hon. Minister of Agriculture. I do not think any of us think our hon. friend has made any mistake in striving to advance the interest of our work and in selecting a lecturer and appointing him to conduct experiments in bee-keeping at the agriculture college, but we do think more could be done if we had more such men scattered over the province. Of course we know this all entails expenses but when he looks into our intelligent faces he will certainly know he is not working for a fraternity that does not amount to anything. He has mentioned something about the amount of territory that this Dominion occupies compared with our own but he seems to partially forgotten that we have got an immense amount of people over there in our little patch of land. So that while interesting us in this line and telling us what he is going to do with the map off

Canada he had better bear in mind that some of us know something of you folks over here and I am glad we do, and I guess every one of us from the United States feel it has been a real treat to come over here into Canada. Some of these Canadians have been pitching into me because I do not live in this country. I have not the least animosity against a man on the face of this earth. I do not know whether you could get me mad or not, it has been tried but nobody has ever yet succeeded. Our president when he introduced our friend, said something about the use of the hall. Mr. Dryden just simply said he had done nothing he had simply interceded. That is just exactly what he has been doing, he has been interceding in our interest and I expect he will keep on with his work that tells, this interceding. We are glad to have somebody that can intelligently intercede for our interest and when he has accomplished anything he has accomplished for the whole people. One thing that has given me pleasure in looking at him and at our other hon. friend the president of the Ontario Agriculture College is to realise that they, like us, have grown up on the farm.

I guess the most of us are more or less engaged in that and I am always proud to remember that for the first 25 years of my life I was a farmer's boy and I have never been able to quit scratching in the dirt yet I have to have my garden and I am interested in our Farmers' Institute, and although not now at work on the farm I believe those with whom I am associated feel that I am one of them and I know that I am not the least in my knowledge in that respect, because in this line I take special pleasure. It is a real relief to a professional man when he can get out and see some work that nature does for us. Our friend referred to the matter of annexation. We have cranks in the United States just as well as you have in Canada. but they do not stir up the foundation of anything, these men that intercede and push things forward are the men that do something, not those that are eternally wanting something that we have not got. I do not believe any level-headed man in the United States ever thought of annexing Canada to the United States. We have got more than we can take care of now and what do we want with anything more, and so it is with a great deal of pleasure that I return the thanks of this association to our hon. friend for the grand welcome he has given us to-night. (Applause.)

Mr. F. A. Gemmel, Stratford, Ont.—I have very much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks. I am not much of a speaker