

your proceeding in the public press. Toronto has become noted as a City of Conventions; I know of no convention that the people are more pleased to have in the City of Toronto than the one represented by the sweetness that you represent here to day. I have read, as I have stated, with a great deal of pleasure of your proceedings and I have been glad to see the way you have conducted your meetings. I thought several times, while I peered in the door and saw some of you sitting in those chairs, that you would make splendid aldermen for the City of Toronto, and if any of you have any notion of leaving the part of the world in which you reside at the present time I don't think there would be the slightest difficulty in making an opening for you and securing for you some of those seats. Those seats may not always be comfortable but I can assure you that the seats you occupy there are a great deal more comfortable than the seat I occupy.

On behalf of the citizens of Toronto I thank you for gathering here. The City Hall will be always open to you if you desire to meet here again, all you have to do is to ask for this building and you will get it with a very great deal of pleasure.

Mr. McKnight—I wish to do what I know will be heartily responded to by the members of this Association; I wish to tender to the Mayor of Toronto a vote of thanks for his condescension in coming here as the representative of the largest and most important city in this province. The city has put a spacious and comfortable hall at our disposal and we feel truly grateful for it. The only grievance I have against the city of Toronto as a bee-keeper is that there is not, within the corporate limits of this great city, one person who is a member of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association. I hope Mayor Fleming will go down to the Secretary and pay his dollar (Applause)

Mayor Fleming—Do any of your Association vote in Toronto? (Applause)

Mr. McKnight—We as bee-keepers appreciate, Mr. Mayor, the good wishes of the city of Toronto in putting at our disposal the use of this council chamber for three days; perhaps we have not valued the privilege as highly as we ought to. The Mayor says that Toronto is a city of conventions. I want to tell Mayor Fleming that amongst all the conventions that come to this city and have the use of this council chamber, there is not one the personell of which is higher in intelligence, good looks, morality and everything that goes to make the man than the bee-keepers of Ontario. We deal with a very small creature the little busy bee, but there is in that little busy bee a very great deal to call out admiration.

We look upon ourselves, whatever you may think of us, as being a very important body in this province.

Mr. Evans—I have great pleasure in seconding a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his presence here, and also for the use of the hall. I placed at the disposal of the Association the county council chamber, and I don't know why it is, but they preferred to come here. We in the County of York have to meet pretty often with the aldermen and mayor and we find they are not bad fellows. We occasionally find, (and I think the bee business has one peculiarity which is somewhat in the line of the municipal men) that they are great stingers. But I can assure you the Mayor is perfectly harmless that way.

We are under great obligations to the city for allowing us to meet here and I trust the members have had such a good time that it will not be long before they come back to the city of Toronto.

The President—It is certainly a pleasure to put this motion to this association.

The motion was received and carried with applause.

The President:—Please accept, sir, the feeling of this meeting; the action is but the indication of the thought of our hearts.

Mayor Fleming—I am thankful to the mover and seconder of this resolution. The city of Toronto did no more than it felt a great deal of pleasure in doing; we are always anxious and desirous of encouraging to come to our city those from other parts of the Province of Ontario and we feel it a pleasure to do so; we feel it a pleasure to accommodate those who are part and parcel of ourselves. The prosperity of the city of Toronto depends very largely on the prosperity of Ontario; if the province is not prosperous we cannot expect the city to be prosperous.

I shall be glad if you can see your way clear to come back to the city of Toronto again and occupy this building.

I did read with a little regret that you were going up to Hamilton, but after all Hamilton is part of Toronto, or it will be soon. It will not be long before the people of Hamilton are doing their business largely in the city of Toronto and if in the course of a few years you should decide to go to Hamilton you will only be deciding to go to one of the wards of the city of Toronto. (Applause)

Mr Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Gemmell, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Press of Toronto for their very excellent reports of the sittings of this convention. Carried.

This concluded the business and the President declared the Convention closed. 12.30 o'clock P. M.