

looking for one hundred pounds per colony every year. I think we might come to the conclusion that we are getting a good crop if we get one hundred pounds per colony. This year a good many have not got that. I think the average is somewhere around sixty or seventy pounds. I think we aim a little high when we aim at one hundred pounds; I don't think we average it, taking it all around.

As to the conditions of the bee-keeping industry in the country, I don't think there are as many bees as there were a few years ago. I think a good many of the small bee-keepers have lost their bees. It is perhaps a fairly good thing for the majority of those who are making bee-keeping a business that the little ones that have two or three hives have not got them, because they are to a certain extent an injury to a great many bee-keepers, and it is not profitable to themselves, because they do not understand it and do not go at it and make a business of it, and if there is any disease in the community they are dangerous to have near you. In that way we are perhaps in better condition than we were a few years ago, in that these small bee-keepers are not holding disease in the vicinity of the larger bee-keepers as they were a formerly. The industry is no doubt better than it was years ago. It is only by what we may call just keeping on and keeping on that you can accomplish very much. All the advances in bee-keeping have not been done in one year or two years; it has been a good many years that people have been trying to get up into a better way of handling their bees, and these conventions are for the purpose of educating the people to do that. The President has made reference to banding ourselves together to do that kind of work. Now, sir, it is a fact, I believe, that if we had no organization in Ontario, Ontario would not have held at all the reputation it holds to-day as to bee-keeping. (Hear, hear!) Now, it is, perhaps,

another fact that a great many of the bee-keepers that have done the educating to a considerable extent have not been selfish. My experience with the Association is that I have found that nearly every person that has done very much good to this Association has been unselfish; and I believe that any body of men that is trying to advance the industries of the country is unselfish. They do not look to get the dollars and cents out of the thing as much as some people blame them for doing, and it is a pleasure to have had a good many years of experience among the bee-keepers of Ontario and be in a position to say that. I know I have asked bee-keepers to write papers for somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty-one years, and there were very few refusals; they all sacrificed time and energy.

In respect to the inspection of apiaries, I have not the least doubt at all that this work is being carried on to our advantage through the liberality of the Department of Agriculture. It is only a few years ago that I really thought and felt that they would be able to assist us in a very liberal way. We are not disappointed at all in the way that the Department has taken hold of and helped the bee-keepers of Ontario. It is almost beyond what we expected, and I believe, sir, if we band ourselves together in greater numbers, with greater energy, that anything we ask is forthcoming from the Department. The Department of Agriculture in Ontario really feel that their position is a great one; they feel with their assistance that they have got the country that can produce almost everything that we need in the way of agricultural products and of the best quality in a great many things.

Now, sir, I really think it is well to impress that upon us, that we band ourselves further together with energy, and we will get more than we ever got before. We are now getting more than we ever got before, by a great deal, and

I venture to say more.

Now, the country I suppose to speak of at apiaries, who they find the bees are clear, but I venture to say they were a number.

In reference to what I have said before, I have been on for years, and I am sure that I ever have pretty accurately report in that we can do it, but if you several times it I believe that you can.

Now, I don't know been a cent out of what we have got. I don't ever suggested how much or ten cents, those prices. Everybody doubted as to whether not that the price was a fairly good one, when we saw it down, it was four didn't much and little, but we still money at all in the there was a clear on a good many from the reports that accomplish a great

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April 1st:

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