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SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The President: The time has come for me to vacate the chair. I wish to thank the members of the Association for the kindness shown to me and the support they have given me while in the chair. The order we have had has been the best and I hope my successor will have just as good order and that through the year before us we will run along in just as smooth a way as we have been running, and let one try to work for each other's interests. With these few words I present to you the new President, J. D. Evans. (Applause.)

Mr. Evans (President elect): Ladies gentlemen and members of the Bee-keepers' Association, I have to thank you each for the confidence you have had in me in placing me to look after the Ontario bee-keepers for the incoming year. I accept the office with great diffidence and I remember how many eminent men have filled the position. I have some doubts as to whether I shall be able to keep up the record, whether apostolic succession will be equal to those who have gone before; therefore, I have some doubts as to

whether I shall be able to discharge my duties. I have still more doubts when I remember the modesty of the first Vice-President, and the efforts he made to keep out of office. If a gentleman of the ability of my friend Armstrong hesitates to take office, surely myself and all the past ex-Presidents must have a great deal of brass when we accept the position without any diffidence whatever. I am encouraged to believe, however, that we will have the support of all our brother bee-keepers, and that we will get along successfully during the coming year. I am pleased to see the Association is prospering, and I am glad to say that better feeling is prevailing. There was a time when the bee-keepers stung each other very much, but now they are getting more like the Italian bees, they are becoming gentle and easy to handle.

A voice: Long tongues.

Mr. Evans: Yes, I must confess, after sitting here during the last couple of days, that bee-keepers are developing long-tongues. I think it may be part of my duty to shorten those tongues so that the time of the Association will not be taken up with too long discussions. But believing I will have the support of the Association in the coming year, I take this office with the best intention of making this Association a success. I trust when we meet at Barrie next year we will have a good convention