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ANNUAL MEETING ONTARIO BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Bee-keepers' Association held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in the Granite Rink, Toronto, on November 15th, 16th and 17th, 1904.

The Secretary read the minutes of the twenty-fourth annual meeting, held at Trenton, Ont., which were confirmed.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

(By J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville, Ont.)

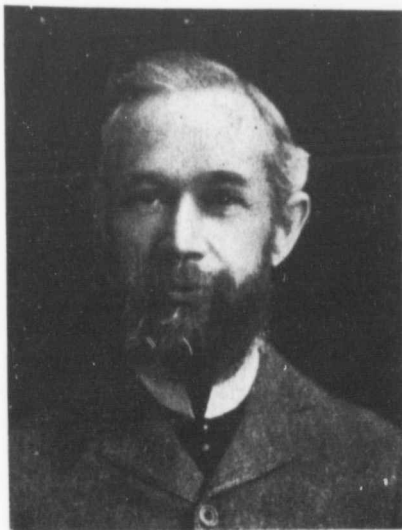
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I greet you at this, our annual Convention. This meeting marks the quarter-century of the existence of this Association, and while these meetings are primarily for the purpose of business and mutual instruction, the social feature is one to be by no means disregarded.

A winter of great severity and very heavy loss of colonies to many bee-keepers, has been followed by a summer, on the whole, unfavorable for honey production.

In furtherance of the suggestion thrown out by Mr. James, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, at our Convention held at Trenton, your executive were requested to meet committees of the Fruit-Growers' and Florists Associations to arrange for a joint

show of "Fruit, Flowers and Honey." Messrs. Couse, Sibbald, Smith and myself met these representatives in this city. After some discussion we were offered \$200 in lieu of our share of the receipts, the other societies to assume all liabilities for fitting up the



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rinks, furnishing music, heating, lighting, printing, etc.

At a meeting which your executive held subsequently to arrange rules for the show, prize list, etc., it was carried, subject to the approval of the directors, that \$50 be granted by this association towards the prize list.