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During the last moments of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Convention, at Hamilton, and with the knowledge of its importance, only a limited number, a somewhat important matter to bee-keepers generally came up. It was in connection with establishing and properly running a bee department at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa. At the Convention Mr. R. McKnight, and another gentleman thought we did not require such a department or such a man. In our estimation bee-keeping, honey, etc., will never be placed in its legitimate and proper light until it receives the recognition that other departments of the farm have. To single out one department such as poultry, fruit-growing and the like, and not another, to favor one department over and above another, will make it appear in the public eye as if it were unworthy. No department of the farm can show stronger claims than bee-keeping. It takes nothing from the fertility of the soil, disposes no other crop upon the farm, can be carried on in districts where the soil is not fit for cultivation is limited. Then it is of great value to the fruit grower. In many places we have one of the best and most wholesome of carbonaceous foods. What could be expected from a department at the Experimental Farm properly equipped? It will take advantage of every opportunity to keep honey before the public, to increase the consumption of the same, and make every effort to open up the same to our domestic and foreign markets. Our United

States friends are shipping honey by the carload to Germany and other European countries. In Canada some seasons one district is overstocked, another has no honey, because no effort has been made to create a market or distribute in a proper way. Then we want that department to carry on experiments in bee-keeping, looking to the cheapening of production and bettering the quality of our honey. By improving the quality we will increase the demand and those producing the poor will no longer pull down the reputation of the honey generally. Then such a department can save money to the country by keeping those out of bee-keeping who will not give it the necessary care and attention, and by helping those who are ready to devote care and attention. We do not wonder that Mr. McKnight should give it opposition, and that he should say the editor of this Journal should never be in charge of the department at Ottawa. Because he opposed the Foul Brood Act, the Spraying Act, the Pure Honey Bill, does not say he is wrong in this matter, but the Ontario Bee-Keeper's Association in open convention and in full meeting, decided unanimously contrary to him the year before. Now this is a matter of vital importance to every man keeping bees or going to keep bees; it is important even to the fruit grower, and to any one likely to consume honey, and of importance to every one interested in the development of the country. Let bee-keepers write, and get anyone else to write who will take