

Director Brown, of the O.B.K.A., has been appointed Manager of the House of Refuge at L'Orignal, Ontario. We are pleased to learn that in accepting this position Friend Brown has no intention of giving up bee-keeping, but for purposes running a large apiary in connection with the institution. This will be rather a new feature, and we have no doubt but it will work admirably. We congratulate the Prescott and Russell County Council in their appointment, and we are sure that Mr. Brown will fill the position faithfully and well. The following item from the Prescott and Russell Review indicates the friendly associations that the Brown family had formed around their old home:

"Before leaving his old home in hard to take charge of the House of Refuge here, Mr. Brown's friends took occasion to present him with an address and a well-filled purse. Mr. Emery Houle, on behalf of the gathering, read the following address:

To W. J. Brown, Esq.:
"On behalf of your many friends here, we take this opportunity of calling on you in order to show our appreciation of the many kindly services rendered by you to us all, both in private and public life, and while we regret very much your departure from among us, we cannot but join in wishing you and Mrs. Brown, and your family, many years to enjoy the duties of your new office. Hoping that you will not forget your old friends here, and that we may have the pleasure of calling from you once in a while, you will please accept this gift as a token of our esteem towards you.

On behalf of your friends,
"EMERY HOULE."

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In explanation of the lateness of this issue, our readers will regret to learn that a serious fire occurred in the bee-keepers' department of the Goold, Shapley & Muir Company on the morning of February 11th, which, besides the loss effected, has upset their plans and purposes very considerably. Owing to the injury done to the wood-

working part of their building and plant, delays would naturally occur, which might seriously inconvenience their customers and agencies who are depending upon them for the season's supplies, and as a number of large orders are already on hand, requiring immediate attention, it was decided on the part of the company to negotiate with some reliable Canadian firm, fully equipped with wood-working machinery, for the manufacture of these goods. In consequence of this, a sale has been consummated to the Ham & Nott Company of this city, who are extensive manufacturers in the wood lines, and who have large connections throughout the country; all the Goold, Shapley & Muir Company's interests in the bee-keepers' supply business, together with the Canadian Bee Journal. The new company will issue their circular to bee-keepers, with catalog and price list, within the next few days, and operations will be commenced at once.

We can heartily recommend our successors, Messrs. Ham & Nott Company, to the bee-keepers of Canada, as business men of fidelity and enterprise, and who will no doubt make a success of this business, as they have of other lines. We desire to thank our bee-keeping friends for their patronage and confidence during these many years that we have been doing business with them, and we wish them every prosperity as the outlook for the industry increases and brightens in the Dominion.

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We would draw special attention to the enclosed circular from the Secretary of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. It will be of interest to subscribers who are not yet members of the Association, as well as to bee-keepers who are receiving this number as a specimen copy. We would rejoice to see the Ontario Association double its membership before the end of the year, and an effort is being made in that direction.

The Department of Agriculture is taking an interest never heretofore shown in the bee-keeping industry, and have declared their readiness to help in any way that will be for its advancement. This, of course, must be done through organized bee-keeping. Let us all help.