

rather a technical subject, but this year I thought that perhaps it would be better for me, as I was making my exit from my position as a director of the Association and a representative of the Agricultural College, to make my remarks a little more general than I have been in the habit of doing, and instead of speaking to you on a subject that causes so much discussion in these meetings, that of foul brood, I thought it better to say a few words about the means of diffusing apicultural knowledge. This is a subject that I have been thinking of for the last year or two and I have been led to think about it because I fancy this association is not doing all it might do to help bee-keepers, especially beginners, in the various parts of the province. Now what means has the association for getting their reports of the convention and the knowledge of the experts who attend there meetings before the people? First of all, you have by means of your publications, there is a first-class journal, The Canadian Bee Journal, and there is the annual report. With regard first of all to The Bee Journal. I don't know the circulation of that, but I believe that every member of the Association receives it and the same is also true of the report—only members of the Association receive that report and perhaps also the members of the Farmers' Institute. Now that is very excellent as far as it goes, but does it go far enough?

Are there not many who are interested in bee-keeping who would be benefited very greatly by some knowledge of bee-keeping as given in these journals. Let me instance first of all with regard to the Canadian Bee Journal. I don't want to take the editor to task at all—I don't wish to find fault at all, but as I am going out I think it is a fine opportunity to let you know what I am thinking of and I hope

I will not do injury at all by making the remarks. I think The Bee Journal, first of all, might increase its size and give us more of what is going on abroad. Now, I believe that a great many extracts are made from The American bee journals and they should receive first place because their conditions are much the same as we have here, but at the same time there are many articles coming out in European journals which I think should find a place in The Journal here. And then I think there should be something every month for beginners. Now that has taken place in some numbers of The Journal, but there are always beginners and you must remember that although they seem old facts to you there are a great many who would receive benefit from them. The same applies to the report. The thing that impressed me in the last meeting was the address by Mr. Hoshal. That address commended itself to me as being very plain, very practical and something that was altogether needed, not by you particularly, but by those who should like to get an idea of bee-keeping. I shall again have reference to that. That address will lead me on to another point which I wish to make. This meeting is the only one which this Association conducts during the year, and I think that it is a great mistake. I attended this year a meeting of another society, and during the meeting an enthusiastic member got up and said they should have more than one annual meeting a year. It was appreciated, of course. (Laughter.) But I think there should be more than one meeting a year of this Association, and if not more than one meeting, something should be done by the Association through the Department of Agriculture perhaps, to bring this to the attention of the fruit-growers particularly and those who are interested in