

# Annual Meeting Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association

Held at Guelph  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday  
Dec. 6, 7 and 8, 1898

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association was held in the Council Chamber, in the city of Guelph on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1898.

The president, Mr. M. B. Holmes, called the meeting to order at 2 p. m.

The Secretary, Mr. William Couse, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which, on motion of Mr. W. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. A. Pickett, were adopted.

## The President's Address.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—

At all Association meetings there is one number which invariably finds a place on the programme, and that is the President's address. Sometimes our anticipations are fully met in the address and again we meet with disappointment.

There are instances on record in which a presiding officer has pleased a part of his people part of the time, and there may have been instances in which a presiding officer has pleased all of his people all of the time, and while we might be tempted to envy the seemingly favored position of the latter, we are ever reminded that, after all, he is not the most fortunate of whom all men speak well.

Another year has passed and we are, in the order of Providence, permitted to meet in annual convention. As we enter upon the deliberations of this meeting, it is only natural that we look backward over the time that has so quickly passed and note the successes, the reverses, the mistakes, the griefs, and the shadows which have fallen to our lot; while at the same time we lay our plans to avoid (if possible) the grief and mistakes and to court only success, and with the experience which we have of necessity gained, we certainly ought to be better bee-keep-

ers and better men and citizens in every way.

In this connection I venture (with pardonable pride) the assertion that those who have, for any considerable time, made bee-keeping a special study, are almost invariably good men and good citizens.

It gives me a very great amount of pleasure to meet the bee-keepers of this, the banner Province of the Dominion of Canada, on this occasion. There is a pleasure in meeting because of the very favorable season through we have just passed, the honey-harvest generally throughout the Province having been a good one, some localities, however, reporting only a very low average yield of honey. Again, there is pleasure in meeting because of the very excellent programme which we are able to place before you. Masters in apiculture from the north and south, from the east and west and from the Republic to the south of us, are to give us the full benefit of the advantage gained by years of study and research. Honorable gentlemen in high positions of trust in the Government of this fair country are expected to speak to us; truly this is a bill of fare which cannot fail to satisfy and please the most fastidious, and I presume the question arises, "How can we do justice to this 'Feast of reason and flow of soul' in the short space of three days, the time allotted for our convention in this city?"

The location contributes largely towards making the present meeting a pleasurable one. Guelph, the Royal City, with its beautiful surroundings, its great mercantile houses, its large and commodious churches, where its happy, prosperous and contented populace may worship, its well kept streets, its residential quarters with their many stately mansions, its well appointed hotels under such perfect management, and its Agricultural College with its most competent staff of professors and teachers, where every branch of agriculture and domestic