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#### CANADA AT THE COLONIAL.

WE give below the report of the evening convention at Kensington, England, at which our Canadian delegates were prominent :

"At five p.m., the members of the B. B. K. A. held a *Conversazione* in the Conference Hall, which was well filled by a large assembly, including the Colonial delegates. The principal item on the agenda was Mr. Jones' interesting explanation of the system of bee-keeping and appliances now in use in Canada. His remarks were listened to with great attention, frequent applause interrupting the delivery of them. After tea and coffee had been served, Mr. Cowan took the chair and introduced Mr. Jones to the meeting.

Mr. Jones said it afforded him very great pleasure to meet so large an audience of English bee-keepers, and he earnestly wished the highest possible success to the B. B. K. A. He looked upon that body, with its branches, as the greatest bee-keeping Association in the world, comprising as it did upwards of 10,000 members, with a staff of experts and assistants of about fifty, to instruct cottagers and others in bee-keeping. It was far in advance of anything they held in America. He believed that the members of all the bee-keepers' Associations in America combined would not equal the members of the B. B. K. A. alone. He was not so much at home in making a speech as he would be in talking about the management of bees. He had not time to collect his thoughts, not knowing until a short time previously that he would be called upon to address them at that moment. He thought the members of the B. B. K. A. deserved a great

deal of credit for the able manner in which they had conducted the Association, and the excellent management it had been controlled by from the commencement. He was happy to find this opportunity of saying that the Ontario delegates wished to present to the Chairman, as a token of respect, a sample of the best honey brought from Canada. It was also with great deal of pride and pleasure that they tendered a similar offering to the worthy President of the Association, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. He was sure that he only expressed the opinion of himself and all his fellow bee-keepers in Ontario when he said that nothing would please them more than to meet as many of their audience as possible in Canada. He did not know whether they could treat them as kindly and as nobly as their fellow-workers in England had treated the Canadian representatives, but they would do their best. He was sure that he spoke the feelings of his fellow-countrymen in saying that their stay here would ever form one of the happy recollections of their lives.

The Rev. Dr. Bartrum said, when the Chairman told him at luncheon that there were to be no speeches after four o'clock, he for once began to realise the story of Cinderella, and when the magic hour arrived he thought his duties as a speaker had ended. However, he cheerfully obeyed the call of the Chairman, and it was with the greatest pleasure he begged to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Jones' remarks in reference to the B. B. K. A. It was a source of pleasure to them who ever proposed success to the Association, but when that commendation came from one who represented a colony like Canada, which proved itself inferior to none in bee-keeping, then he felt sure that all those who