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Mr. Darling: In discussing the President's address I do not know that I will say very much about it. In regard to the taking over of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL I am not sure that this would be the proper time to air my opinion, but I might just say in passing that I believe that it would not be wise just now. Perhaps it would be as well to give a reason—a great many of us have been dissatisfied in the past with what we received, and also in the way we were treated at times, but I am convinced by what I have seen during the last two or three months that there is a very great prospect of a change for the better, and if we can be as well served, as there is a possibility of being thus served, and at the same time refrain from taking up something we do not know very much about, I think we would be wise to let people who understand such things run that part of the business and pay them a fair remuneration for it. With reference to the crops of the season, I am sorry there has been a good deal of truth in what

Mr. Brown has said. Some odd individuals have secured what some of us would call in any season, a large crop—perhaps they would not call it a large crop this year owing to the locality in which they live being better than the general run—but take it all over the country and the crop has been from small down to nothing. This may tend to the rising of prices; in fact the price of honey has been on the upward tendency for a good many years past. What is in the future for bee-keepers of course I cannot tell, but I think that the poor season is not altogether an unmixed evil.

Mr. Gemmell: Just one point I would like to touch upon, that is, with regard to taking over the JOURNAL.. I remember some five or six years ago there was quite a talk of doing the same thing, and there was a good deal of opposition to it. It was thought by some that it would be better if the JOURNAL was managed independently, while others thought if the association took the matter up our interest would be better served. I do not know what the opinion of the association is now, but as far as I am concerned I am quite willing to help in any way that may be decided upon by this meeting, whether it be taken over or left as it is. There are quite a number of things to be considered which