

forget the amusing remarks of our Walkerton friend, and the roars of laughter provoked by his *badinage*. We observe by the way he refers to the "bright young man" of the C.B.J. that he still cultivates his peculiar style of joking; but we expect to get even with him some of these fine days:—

Last week we had our town filled with the Bee Breeders' Association. They were all farmers and came here from all parts of Ontario and Michigan. I do not think our town ever had such a fine lot of intelligent looking gentlemen, some eighty or ninety in all. They held a three days session in our County Council chamber. The first day they came to Walkerton several farmers came in and wanted to know if our High Court was going on. I told them it was not, and they said they saw a half a dozen judges on the street and twenty or thirty fine looking lawyers from Toronto. What makes those bee men so much smarter-looking than the general run of our farmers? Is it because they have been run down and stung by their bees? No. All the farmers ought to make just such an appearance. To do so the first start is to get lots of good reading matter, newspapers and bee books: get your mind fed up on such, and I assure you ninety out of one hundred will have just as good an appearance on our streets as judges and lawyers. Of course we have some few farmers that are so very economical and dull they only purchase \$20 or \$30 worth of necessaries in a whole year, and in getting that much they try to beat the seller out of what little he is making. How niggardly they are, and how very easy it is to tell them when you meet them. Well, I am not getting along very fast with the bee men. While in our town they held a good many meetings. The editor of the BEE JOURNAL lives in Beeton, in the County of Simcoe. What a bright young man he is; his mark is made for lots of future useful and profitable business, and I am sure the Bee Association ought to be proud of him. Our local bee men are quite a lot; they compare well with those strangers, and I am sure they are doing as much in the honey enterprise; but what wisdom they exchanged with each other, and what a lasting benefit it will be to all! The next January meeting will be held in Lindsay. How our farmers are being woke up the last few years. The counties of Grey and Bruce compare well with the old parts of Ontario. Their cattle, sheep, pork, apples, grain and honey are to day feeding other nations. In time our Ontario will be loaded with gold and wealth.

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LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

SIR,—If the gentleman in Alexandria, who sent the letter to brother Gouse of Streetsville, intimating his desire to form a local association in his locality, would give his wishes a reasonable share of publicity through the local press and otherwise, and name a day and place any time during the months of February or March next, and at the same time communicate with me, letting me know when and where he would propose to hold the meeting, he will find me there willing to help him in every possible way. He only expresses my desire to form a local beekeepers' association in this district (No. 7): and I have every confidence that a local association can be formed that will be second to none in Ontario. I would then urge on friend C. to strike when the iron is hot, and he will be surprised to see what a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether will do.

W. J. BROWN.

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CHOP STUFF.

They are now riding another hobby at Medina. It is a bicycle this time.

The southern beekeepers have been complaining that our bee literature is not always applicable in their climate. With the new departure, as recently incorporated in the A.B.J., their wants will now be supplied.

In England beekeepers are men of rank. It is not uncommon to notice, at the close of an article, that the writer signs his name with the addition of some such initials as F.R.S., F.G.S., or F.R.M.S. Then, too, we notice advertisements like the following:—"Extracted honey from the Right Hon. Lord Hentley's Bee Farm." Canadian beekeepers have no lords or knights in their midst; but they can now boast of having a "Rev. Professor." We hope the editor is not going to close