

were scattered over a very large extent of territory. Hitherto Canadian bee-keepers had kept at home all the honey they produced. In Britain there were a great many more than five million people, and having heard that honey was constantly being imported from other countries into England, the bee-keepers of Canada thought that whatever profits were to be obtained by imports, friends might as well get them as strangers. They had therefore come over in the hope of securing a small share in the advantages of the honey trade.

Mr. McKnight desired to thank the British Bee-keepers' Association in the name and on behalf of Canadian bee-keepers for the splendid entertainment afforded to their delegates. They recognised the right hand of fellowship extended from the mother country. He could tell his audience that he and his friends would carry home the most pleasing recollections of the way in which they had been entertained by the bee-keepers of Britain. They, as representatives of the Ontario Association, came over to show what their country could produce. Their land was veritably the Canaan of America flowing with milk and honey. If anyone doubted that, let him make his way to the honey exhibition, where he would find conclusive evidence of the fact. They came over to make glad the hearts of their own mother England. Every mother ought to be proud of her offspring, and it must afford her gratification when they conducted themselves in life so as to win her approbation. He was sure that England must be proud when she saw what they had been doing beyond the seas. They had proved that they had not been lying on their oars, and in fact that they had added as much to the glory of Great Britain as her soldiers and sailors had done in years past. They had made primeval forests to disappear, and in their place raise up the fruits of the earth. Those were the battlefields on which their victories had been fought and won, and it required a stout heart to engage in those fights. It was an old saying that bee-keepers are a very fine class of people. (Laughter.) Well, there was no question that they possessed some excellent characteristics. Their pursuit necessitated a large amount of moral courage, patience and perseverance. One seldom found a successful bee-keeper to be a cross-grained and bad-hearted man. Possibly the reason of this was that he had a peculiar being to deal with, and one who would defend its home and property with Spartan courage. (Cheers.)

The Chairman regretted the absence of Mr. Pettit, the President of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, who had been obliged to leave

that day. Before his departure he requested the Chairman to express his cordial acknowledgments of the kindness of the B. B. K. A.

The Rev. F. Jenyns said he had been asked to propose the health of those who were amongst them as visitors, and whose presence added much to the pleasure of the gathering. He trusted they would do their best to carry into their respective districts a knowledge of what they had seen and heard that day. The meeting was honored by the presence of two distinguished visitors, namely, the Secretary of the Swiss Association, a most advanced bee-keeper, and also the President of the Devonshire Association, whose connection and relationship with Mr. Woodbury would alone entitle him to the respect of all bee-keepers. He felt sure all present would be able to look back on that day with happy remembrances, for it was a remarkable day, not only for the pleasure it afforded to so many bee-keepers of coming together, but because it showed the wonderful development of their favorite industry, which, upon a retrospect of a few years, one would hardly have believed possible. That was a source of great gratification to the B. B. K. A., to whose effort that result, to a large extent, was due. Of course, they could not but be delighted to find that their objects and aims had spread so far west as Ontario. He hoped that meeting would tend to promote the good work in which they were engaged, and strengthen the bonds of friendship which he believed existed among all bee-keepers.

Pasteur Descoulayes (who spoke in French), Secretary of the Societe Romande d'Apiculture, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be able to be present, and to thank them on behalf of himself and other visitors present. He said the bee-keepers in Switzerland were greatly indebted to their Chairman (Mr. Cowan) for much information, always willingly given by him at all times personally, and to his writings. He was well known and appreciated by the Continental bee-keepers. He compared the B. B. K. A. to a large and strong hive that did its work well.

Mr. Horton Ellis also briefly acknowledged the toast, expressing his great pleasure at being present on so memorable an occasion; he added a few words to the effect that he looked forward to the time when an improvement in the honey bee might take place, by means of judicious crossing of the breeds, possibly the Indian with the Ligurian.

The proceedings in the luncheon-room being adjourned, the guests were conducted to the honey-show in the Exhibition, where the mag-