

general proficiency. After graduating he taught for a while in the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, from which he was promoted to the headmastership of the Brantford High School. Although sixteen years ago, unsolicited, he was asked by the government to take the presidency of the Ontario Agricultural College, he is still remembered and held in the highest estimation in Brantford. The Brantford Institution was then in rank a third or fourth rate school; under Mr. Mills it soon became a collegiate institute and began to attract attention as one of the most successful for training young men and young women for general work, for teachers, and for university examinations. It was the writer's good fortune to be a second year student at the Ontario Agricultural College during the first year that President Mills held office. For sixteen years he has been well acquainted with President Mills. Like many another young student the writer did not always know what was good for him, and later on like many another young man, he was not always ready to take the advice of wiser men who had been successful in life as President Mills has been. Yet he has learned to appreciate the portion of his training under President Mills at the Ontario Agricultural College.

There is one pleasing feature about Pres. Mills disposition, he takes an unfailing interest in the career of every graduate of the college and more than one has felt his kindly sympathy, when times of trial and difficulty have arisen. The work of the Agricultural College has been greatly enlarged during President Mills' reign, and it is an institution which now receives and should receive the sympathy and support of the farmers of the province.

Proper Time for Annual Meeting.

IT SHOULD BE CHANGED.

This article is not going to be a long one. It is, however, on an important matter nevertheless, and one I trust that will be seriously considered at next annual meeting to be held in Brantford in January, 1896.

Much depends on the time of year, at which any association meets, in order to secure the largest attendance.

The weather, state of the roads, and the most convenient time practicable, should not by any means be overlooked, and I therefore see no valid reasons why this meeting should not be held in December of the same year in which our crops are secured, instead of the following January of another year.

One thing I have observed very particularly, viz.: That for several years past our

annual meetings have not been as well attended as they ought to be (although still improving in this direction), and this for no other reason than that the weather in January has been of the very worst kind, completely preventing many, who fully intended being present, from doing so. This fact was very noticeable at Belleville, Walkerton, and Stratford. In regard to the latter place, I can speak positively, for, although it was one of the best of its kind, insofar as attendance was concerned or, in fact, anything else, yet I do know many, yes, very many, local bee-keepers within a radius of eight or ten miles who did not put in an appearance, it being simply impossible for them to do so, on account of the very severe weather, and the very impassable state of the roads, owing to the great depth of snow. Now why cannot this meeting be held in December, instead of January. It is the proper month to wind up the business of the old year, and we seldom, if ever, have weather so severe as later in the winter. There is no reason why the affiliated societies should not have their reports sent in ample time, so this ought not longer to be an excuse for changing the date. Of course, we want the Honey Bee Concert part of the programme still continued, as, aside from the sociability of the affair, it is also interesting to the outside public, and, at the same time, profitable to the bee-keeper.

The North American Beekeepers' Association held its annual meeting in Toronto in September. The report is appearing in the monthly issues of The Canadian Bee Journal. The following quotations are taken from the November number in reference to the attendance of Hon. John Dryden and Dr. Jas. Mills. Mr. McKnight of Owen Sound said:—"This is the first occasion upon which a Minister of the Crown or a member of the United States Cabinet has honored us with his presence." Mr. Gemmell of Stratford said:—"I do not think there is any country in the world where anything more has been done for the bee-keepers than in Ontario." Dr. A. B. Mason, one of the foremost bee-keepers of the United States, said:—"We are glad to have somebody that can intelligently intercede for our interest, and when he has accomplished anything he has accomplished for the whole people. One thing that has given me pleasure in looking at him (Mr. Dryden) and at our other hon. friend, the President of the Ontario Agricultural College, is to realize that they, like us, have grown up on the farm."—The Toronto Globe.