

tion Minister of Finance; Hon. Arthur Peters, Hon. T. R. Black, Mr. H. J. Logan, M. P., Col. Blair, Col. H. M. Campbell and others occupied places on the platform. The next annual meeting of the Bee-Keepers' Association is called for the time of the Fair.

Keeping More Bees.

Somewhere about three or four years ago at a convention held in Buffalo, a Mr. Coggsball, of New York State, pealed forth the advice to bee-keepers, to "keep more colonies" in order to increase their income. He was soon followed by W. Z. Hutchinson, at another convention with a similar note, "Keep more colonies." Such advise, coming from such Apicultural Gods filled the whole fraternity within the sound thereof with consternation and amazement. This new "evolution" in business was a stunner to a great many, and I have no doubt was a stimulus to a large number, who went to the expense of getting more hives, etc., and of providing winter quarters for more colonies, and the extra labor contingent thereto, all this extra trouble to produce more honey in order to increase their income, has resulted in a lower production, which has brought the price down, had there been a favorable season in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, the price would have been much lower than it is. Just imagine a lot of manufacturers increasing their plant and output in a limited market, to increase their income, it seems to me it would cause a slump in the price of their product. There are individual cases like Coggsball's who have done it and succeeded. But for every bee-keeper or part of them to do likewise means ruin. This new "evolution" in business won't work in bee-keeping any better than in any other business.

I see by York County Bee Keeper in December "C. B. Journal" that W. Z. H. is booming this new "evolution" again in his paper. From the present price of clover honey. I don't think he will influence many Canadian bee-keepers. There are already too many colonies in the country for the business to be very profitable.

W. H. Kirby.

Oshawa, Dec. 9th., 1903.

Christmas Farmer's Advocate

An especially hopeful message which, coming from so able a source, cannot but be regarded as auspicious, runs through the Christmas Farmers Advocate and Home Magazine, of London, Ont., of which we have just received a copy. Even its title-page gives presage of great things for Canada, and as the purport of the design, beautifully executed in the tricolor process, were not clear enough for all who "run" to "read," its prophecy has been further emphasized by that fine quatrain from the eminent Canadian writer, Chas. G. D. Roberts:

"But thou, my country, dream not thou!
Wake, and behold how night is done,—
How on thy breast, and o'er thy brow,
Bursts the the uprising sun!"

Ever noted for its out-and-out Canadian sentiment, the Farmer's Advocate, in this number sustains its old-time reputation. Canadian artists, Canadian writers, Canadian agriculturists speak from its every page, the result being a number in the highest degree creditable to its publishers, and useful and entertaining to its readers. That the army of the latter is by no means inconsiderable may be judged from the fact that over 28 tons of paper have been required in making up the Christmas number alone. We congratulate the Farmer's Advocate on the success of its holiday number, which we would suggest, might be utilized as a Christmas gift which anyone might be proud to receive. We also congratulate the readers of that paper upon the fact that the Farmer's Advocate will be issued henceforth as a weekly, a decision which must rebound to the satisfaction of its readers. We club the Advocate with the Canadian Bee Journal.