

appear to have gumption enough to succeed at anything.

These remarks will apply more pertinently to bee-keeping than to any other pursuit, as I firmly believe bee-keepers are "born, not made". For where one man will succeed with bees, one hundred will fail. This may seem a broad statement but I feel sure it will be sustained by nearly all practical bee-keepers. Have we not all seen instances to prove these statements. Just a few years ago in my own vicinity a smart, active young man thought there was money in bees. He had little experience and I don't think he was at all adapted to the business. He invested some five hundred dollars hard earned cash and in less than three years he had lost everything but a mere pittance of his original investment.

Owing to fine crops and prices for the last two years in this section, I fear from what I see that others are going to do the same thing. Just lately a friend of mine said that if he had \$1000 at his disposal he would invest it all in bees. I feel sure he would lose it all for I don't think he has ever seen the inside of a hive.

Some one will say, "Oh, this is some selfish fellow writing this, afraid of competition; afraid of the business being overdone." Not at all. I am not a pessimist. I believe the business is all right; in fact my friends generally regard me as being too enthusiastic in regard to bee-keeping. Be that as it may, I am always ready to help and encourage any one, even in my own locality, provided I think they are adapted to the business.

In conclusion would say that perhaps it might be well for some of us who call ourselves bee-keepers to see if we are really adapted to the work we are engaged in, and to those who have about made up their minds to enter the ranks, be sure you are right

and then go ahead. Above all, don't go into the business expecting to accumulate a large fortune, as I don't believe it is possible to amass a great wealth as is often done in mercantile pursuit.

Personally am glad there is more in this world to enjoy than dollars and cents, but as we are not all constituted alike would quote the old saying in conjunction, which is as sound as ever, "Use judgment in all you do."

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

### The Ontario Bee-Keepers Association.

Editor C. B. J. :

I notice in the published proceedings of the last meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association that Mr. Couse has discovered some evidence that I was (as I said I was) at the meeting at Niagara Falls) one of the President of the Association. He says there is no record of the proceedings of the Association's meeting held in 1882-3. I presume that is true. I can furnish him with the reason for this blank in the history of the proceedings of the Association. In that year I was elected President and Mr. R. F. Holterman was elected Secretary. Shortly after my election to the office, he left the province and went to Manitoba where he remained for some time. Mr. Holterman has often proclaimed the fact that he was once Secretary of the Association, but he never acted as such, he never recorded any of its proceedings—hence the blank.

Mr. Couse expresses a desire to know who were the officers of the Association that year. Thirty years have elapsed since and my memory does not enable me to