

Are there any further particulars forthcoming with respect to the coming convention at Owen Sound. We should like to have the program for publication in our next issue. We observe that J. E. Frith and S. T. Pettit are the delegates from the Oxford Bee-Keepers Assoc. We trust that all the affiliated local Associations have chosen their representatives to this meeting.—Since this was in type we have received the program and it appears elsewhere.

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We wish to impress strongly upon the minds of all present members of the O. B. K. A. the necessity of having their fee for membership for 1889 paid up previous to the election of officers. You will all remember our remarks relative to the unrepresented districts for the present year, and why they were left in such a state.

### O.B.K.A. CONVENTION.

#### PROGRAM.

- Jan. 8th, 2 p.m.—Appointment of Com. Management.  
Minutes of last meeting read.  
Secretary's Report.  
Treasurer's "  
Auditors' "  
Affil. Soc. "  
Jan. 8th, 7 p.m.—President's Address.  
Paper by Mr. S. Corneil, on  
Ventilation of Hives for Winter,  
and discussion on.  
Business Recom. by Com.  
Jan. 9th, 9 a.m.—Election of Officers.  
Paper by S. T. Pettit, on Priority  
of Location and discussion on.  
Other business as recom. by  
Com.  
Jan. 9th, 1 p.m.—Deciding on next place of Annual  
meeting.  
Paper by A. Pringle on Bees  
for Pleasure and Bees for  
Profit, and discussion on.  
Other papers and necessary  
business.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

#### Dr. Mason on Observer.

I WOULD just like to say that "Observer" is "off his base," when he says in the C.B.J.: "If I had Dr. Mason's head under my arm I'd make him take all that back about there being too many 'Observers,' etc." I believe I was right in what I said, and that most, if not all of your readers agree with me, and when I

think I am right, no Canuck, or any other man has got "Observer"ation enough to make me take anything back, and if "Observer" once had my head under his arm, he'd wish to have his name changed. Yes, siree, "the doctor" does weigh "somewhere over 200 pounds," and enough over not to be afraid of any who think it smart to "dab" at people without letting it be known "who struck Billy Patterson." I had a little tilt some time ago in the C.B.J., with "Amateur Expert," and quit because of his, or her, assumed name. I like to know who is fooling with me when I'm hit.

"Observer" must have awfully big feet or awfully big corns, to have them trodden on so easily. Perhaps he's put so much into them that he hasn't enough left for a name. I wonder who is throwing "sass over other people" if it is not "Observer." I supposed you would be pleased to hear your readers say what they like or dislike about the C.B.J., and I did not think it would be throwing "sass" at anyone, or treading on anyone's "corns" either.

"I'm waiting to see Brothers Hutchinson and Mason 'go for' A. I. Root now because the latest edition of the A.B.C. has a whole lot of uncut leaves," says the wonderful "Observer." Well, just tell him to keep on waiting, for I have two copies of said A.B.C., and every leaf has been cut and trimmed in the very best shape, and I have no doubt friend Root would consider it a favor to have the opportunity of replacing every one that is, in any way, imperfect. Let "Observer" try it.

The last number of the C.B.J. that came to me had four uncut leaves; more than ever before, and I'm afraid if I say anything about it I'll have *all* the leaves to cut, yet when I wrote before I did not know that friend Hutchinson had said anything about uncut leaves. Now, "Observer" has put in his say about the matter. Wonder he didn't observe it before.

And then he puts his "feet" in by noticing the difference between McFadden and McFadyen. Probably a printer's mistake, at any rate, too small for anyone but "Observer" to notice.

"I believe Daniel McFadden to be the creation of a most fertile imagination," says the same "Observer" But what kind of an imagination is "Observer" a production of? Unfertile, perhaps.

If "Observer" wants to know who is trying to get out of his way, just tell him to enquire for

A BEE MASON.

P.S.—If there is any bad grammar or incorrect spelling in my article, please correct it so "Observer" won't have a fit.—A.B.M.