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We are very busy preparing for the exhibition, and we hope to see many friends there.

We have had 31 new subscribers since last issue. Our mailing list is growing splendidly, friends.

We hope we may never have much room to find fault with others; our first object will be to correct our own errors.

We regret to learn that Friend Locke of the *Apiculturist* has been unwell for some time. May he speedily recover.

Nearly everyone of our new subscribers ask for all the back numbers. This, we think, is a wise precaution, as they will then be able to refer to subjects right from the beginning.

Our presses are running day and night on work for exhibitions, etc., and we are kept busy to get the JOURNAL out on time. We have not been behind time yet, and hope not to have to keep our readers waiting at all. Promptness, is in itself a splendid virtue, and one which in a large measure makes success in any undertaking certain.

## LONDON EXHIBITION.

If all is well, our Mr. Macpherson will represent the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL at the Provincial Fair, to be held at London, commencing September 7th. As he cannot be there more than one or two days—Thursday and Friday will probably be the days. A large number of sample copies will be distributed. Mr. R. H. Smith, of Ealing, is authorized to take subscriptions also, and he will likely be there all week. Our headquarters will be in the Honey-building.

## QUEEN BY EXPRESS TO CUBA.

On the eighth of July we shipped per express via New York, a Holy Land queen to the Messrs. Casanova of Cuba, and of whose apiaries Mr. A. W. Osburn is superintendent. Friend O. writes us under date Aug. 12, as follows: "The last queen shipped us arrived in prime condition there was not one dead bee in the cage. Both bees and queen were as dry and clean as though they were quietly enjoying the liberties and free-

dom of the hive in a Canadian apiary. When bees and queen arrive in the condition these did I call it pretty near successful shipping from Beeton, Canada, to San Miguel, Cuba. The queen has now been introduced nearly three weeks and is doing well. She is a worthy representative of her race. Bees are doing much better than last year."

## STRANGWAY'S DRONE OR SWARM CATCHER.

Mr. G. Strangway, of Elora, left us the other day a sample of a drone and queen catcher. It consists of a hollow tube (funnel shape) about four inches wide at one end, one inch at the other, and about eight inches in length. This is placed at the centre of entrance to hive and perforated metal is placed over the other half, allowing the bees to pass out of the perforated metal, while the drones have to pass through this tube. On the end of the tube is a box with perforated metal tube so that any worker bees that go through the tube may pass up and out through this box. On the end of the tube is a wire about four inches long so arranged, by ravelling out the wire gauge at the point, that when the drones pass out of the spout into the box they cannot return; or should a swarm issue the queen may be caught in the same way. He claims that he can catch all the drones from any hive and retain them, and it certainly looks very reasonable.

## SHIPPING COMB HONEY.

It is of the utmost importance that producers of comb honey should have it reach the market in as fine shape as possible, though it is sometimes hard work to have those freight-men handle it in a way to insure safe carriage. Perhaps, if the shipper were to be a little more careful to have some marks or instructions on the package, calling the attention of those who handle it *en route* to the nature of the contents, this evil might be remedied somewhat. We have just printed a lot of labels 6x10 inches for this purpose, calling attention to how the packages should be handled and explaining the way in which they should be placed in the wagon, car or boat, as the case may be. The price will be 12c. per 25; 20c. per 50; 35c. per 100; \$1.50 per 500; \$2.75 per 1,000. By the way, we forgot to mention that they are printed in red ink, so that they will be sure to draw attention. Then we have smaller labels which tell the weight of case honey, etc., gummed and ready to paste on. Prices, 50c. per 250; 75c. per 500; and \$1.00, per 100.

## PRICE LISTS RECEIVED.

George T. Hammond, Brockport, N.Y.—Apiarian supplies. Folding paper boxes a specialty.