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EDITORIAL.

EXTRACTS FROM ENGLAND.

IN a long letter from our friend "Amateur Expert" we glean some items of interest to readers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

They will regret to learn that "A. E." has been "off" work for some time, the result of a severe attack of bronchitis, from which however at time of writing, he was recovering.

"What's the matter with Dr. Mason and 'Nom de Plumes'?" he says, and what about "Mark Twain."

Of the weather in England he writes:

"We are getting it like May. My bees flew on Feb. 16th and yesterday (17th) and to-day as if it were summer. There is no wind and a very bright sun. I have not opened any of my hives yet, but fear some of them must be getting short of food. About Oct. 12 I introduced seven imported Carniolan queens to black stocks. The greater portion of the bees flying from the hives now are Carniolans, consequently breeding must have gone on pretty strong and a consequent consumption of food. I am hoping for a good season. I have a quantity of sections filled with comb worked out last year, stowed away ready for the bees to fill, so that I am hoping they will get a good start early in the season."

Speaking of the death of Mr. W. Raitt, he writes:

"It was a great blow to us to lose Mr. Raitt, although we have known it was probable he might go off suddenly for a long time; still we were scarce prepared for it when it did come."

Ivar S. Young's Explanations.

AFTER a long period of waiting we have at last received a letter from Ivar S. Young, the editor of the *Norwegian Bee Journal*, who has been charged in these columns with unkind reflections on some of the leading bee-keepers of this country.

This is the second letter we have received from Mr. Y. since his visit to this country, the first one referring to his election as an honorary member of the O. B. K. A.—being a letter of thanks to the bee-keepers of the Province for the honor bestowed &c.

Concerning the charges made by Mr. Stahlhammar, his only reference to it is to the following effect:

"I will beg you to remember that I have all along sent you 'our' not 'my' bee-journal by which means you have at all times had opportunity to examine what I have written about my memorable journey in Canada and America. It would—allow me to say—have been easy to you, if you had any interest of it to have had a correct translation of my communication; you would there have found that Mr. S's accounts are less than exact."

While we are glad to have the above from Mr. Young together with his assurances that he "neither can nor ever shall forget the exquisite friendliness shown me by Canadian bee-keepers" we cannot yet remove all the blame from his shoulders. We must, however, accept the explanation that the