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EDITORIAL NOTES.

FALL flows have opened well in localities where they are favored with fall bloom.

THE O. B. K. A. executive meet at Toronto during the first week of September to arrange the programme and other matters connected with the convention to be held at Niagara Falls in December next.

We regret to learn of sickness in the home of friend Mr. W. J. Brown of Chard (ex-President O. B. K. A.) His son, a little lad of 10 years, is suffering from tuberculosis of the vertebra and not much hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have our sincere sympathy. Mr. Brown's father yet lives and is over 100 years of age.

In reply to Mr. Alex. Goodfellow's article under heading of communications, we might say that we have heard and read of bees removing their eggs, but have always been somewhat sceptical of the theory. We

believe that it has never yet been satisfactorily proved. Had they been all drones we would have been inclined to credit some aspiring workers; even this would be unusual if there were laying queens in the brood chambers. Would it not be possible that by some mishap the queens were closed in the upper stories or that they were small and able to pass through the perforated metal of the queen excluder? We have known instances of the latter; perhaps some of our readers will give us their experience and opinions.

THE Belgian Hare or Rabbit has been receiving considerable attention lately in the American journals, and we have watched with some interest the articles pro and con. Professor Cook and others have written very favorably of the industry and its possibilities, while T. F. McGrew of New York in the Country Gentleman, H. D. Burrell in the Review and some others have given the less encouraging side of the business. The question of course is whether the raising of these little animals can be made a profitable adjunct to bee keeping. Evidently they are very prolific, mature quickly, grow to quite a large size, and some one has described their flesh being as "tender as frog legs." The difficulty connected with them is perhaps not so much that of raising them as finding a market for their flesh. So far no regular market has been opened and they have been raised mostly for breeding purposes which is very

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