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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We are pleased to learn that friend W. Z. Hutchinson, Editor of The Bee-keepers' Review, has practically recovered from his illness, which prevented him being at the Ontario convention.

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We are indebted to The "Canadian Horticulturist" for the use of the engraving showing a beautiful scene in the Floral Rink at the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show. In next issue we hope to give a picture of a portion of the fruit exhibits and the honey exhibits.

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This issue commences a new volume. Hitherto the volume of The Canadian Bee Journal commenced with the August number, dating from the time we purchased the magazine from its former publishers, the D. A. Jones Company. In future, the annual volume will commence with January and end with December.

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Lest our friend Deadman's article in this issue should be construed as an advertisement for the automatic reversible extractor, we might explain that it was quite unsolicited. When acknowledging and thanking him for the contribution, we hinted at the possibility of it being misunderstood. Friend D. replied: "It may be, as you say, that my article may be looked

upon as an advertisement for the four-frame reversible extractor, but, be this as it may, should any of your readers be induced to buy one from the reading, they will be so delighted they will admit that this one article was worth more to them than the year's subscription to The C. B. J. The beauty of it is that it saves time when time is particularly valuable."

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The article on Jamaica, by friend Arthur Laing (late of Hamilton, Ont.), commencing in this issue, will be read with interest, especially by those whose thoughts have been turning toward that island as a "bee-keepers' paradise." Mr. Laing gives a vivid description of his trip, and in the second article now on hand the realities of life at the tropics. Our first impressions were that friend Laing used a heavy coloring in his word painting, but we are now convinced that he is telling of matters just as he finds them.

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We are pleased to publish a communication from Mr. R. H. Smith, who writes from Malvern, in the highlands of Jamaica, evidently an altogether different climate from Morant Bay, where Mr. Laing has settled, whatever may be its advantages or disadvantages for bee-keeping. The principal honey plant is the log-wood bloom, a specimen of which Mr. Smith has favored us with. It is said to give extraordinary yields of honey, surpassing our basswood at its best. The tree comes into bloom in October and November and later, according to the district. The honey in color, body and flavor, ranks among the finest in the world.

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Farming World has the following to say about the Ontario Bee-keepers' convention at Toronto:

"We do not want to appear over-critical, but it has been our privilege to attend numerous conventions of