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Editorial.

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We thank our friends who have written and said so many kind and encouraging things since our last issue. We feel encouraged by these assurances of help and co-operation, not only from our own people, but from the friends across the border. This month we present our readers with photo engravings of the officers and most of the directors of the Ontario Association. We regret very much that some of the photos of the latter arrived too late for us to have engravings taken from them. At some future time we may give short biographies of these officers. A slight discrepancy in regard to the date of the Ontario Meeting occurred in our editorial column in last issue, giving it as December 7th, 8th, 9th, instead of December 5th, 6th and 7th as in the programme. Here we might also correct the printer's error in page 108—for "Adjust System Wedge" read Adjustable Section Wedge. At the request of the secretary we again repeat the programme of the O. B. K. A. meeting and urge a full attendance. This is the single opportunity afforded each year for the interchange of views and experiences by the body of bee-keepers representing the bee keeping industry of Ontario. Let us take every advantage of it.

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THE O. B. K. A. AND C. B. J.

THE attitude of the O. B. K. A. to the C. B. J. has been the subject of a number

of communications. We do not know what action the Association may see fit to take in regard to this matter—the general tone of the letters would indicate that no definite action will be taken. The present management would very willingly hand over the reins to the Association if they so desired. But if the Association is not prepared for this at present, can we not have them take sufficient interest in the publication to make it worthy of them. There may have been just cause for dissatisfaction in some ways in the past, we admit that there has been, but does the blame rest altogether with the management? For instance, in regard to the report of the season and honey crop, one of our correspondents speaks very strongly on this point, apparently forgetting that the JOURNAL, like most other papers, is dependent upon the public for its information on these matters. Very few people care to confess failure, and our bee-keeping friends are not different from others. We wonder why our correspondent withheld his report until now? Our own crop this season amounted to only about three thousand pounds from one hundred and fifty colonies, but we would hardly be warranted in making this the basis of a report on the honey crop generally. It was not until our visit to Toronto and Ottawa fairs, and there meeting the bee-keepers from throughout the country, that we became fully aware of the state of matters ourselves. Even then reports were contradictory, and certain districts were said to have had good or average flows. We wonder what our correspondent thinks of the following which appeared in the Hamilton Spectator of last week.

"William McEvoy and E. Dickenson, two enthusiastic bee culture men of Westworth county, are rejoicing over the results of the sale of a big honey shipment they made some time ago to Liverpool. The shipment amounted to 10,000 pounds and was handled by commission men, the profit to the shippers being about nine cents per pound after all expenses were met."

This certainly does not indicate failure