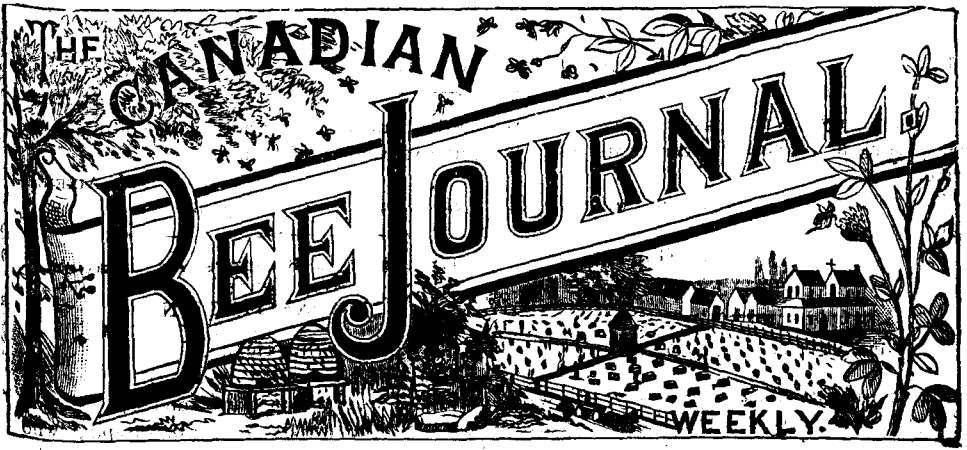




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EDITORIAL.

The last applicant for apicultural favor is the *Western Bee-Keeper* published by Joseph Nysewander, Des Moines, Iowa, the first number of which is before us. It is to appear monthly and is published at 25 cents per year.

NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

We publish below the new regulations with regard to newspaper matter, etc., which have just been issued by the Post Office Department at Ottawa. It will be interesting to all of our readers we have no doubt:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA.

In order to simplify the classification of matter passing by mail between places within the Dominion, and also the regulations relating thereto, and further to provide for including therein such articles of merchandise and other miscellaneous matter not hitherto admitted to pass by mail in Canada in open packets, all matter so passing by mail between places within the Dominion will be divided into five classes as follows:

FIRST CLASS.—Will include letters and post cards.

SECOND CLASS.—Newspapers and periodicals, printed and published in Canada, and posted under the prescribed conditions entitling them to pass free to regular subscribers.

THIRD CLASS.—Other newspapers and periodicals not entitled to free transmission, books

and printed matter generally, printed circulars, also bona fide patterns and samples, packages of seeds and other matter now authorised to pass at the prepaid postage rate of 1 cent per 4 oz. of weight.

FOURTH CLASS.—Closed parcels at parcel post prepaid rate of 6 cents per 4 oz. of weight.

No alteration is made in the postage rates or regulations now applicable to matter included in the above four classes, but a fifth class is created to provide for the additional articles hereby to be admitted to pass by mail between places within the Dominion.

FIFTH CLASS.—Will include miscellaneous matter of all descriptions not belonging to either of the above classes, and not excluded from the mails by the general prohibitory regulation with respect to objectionable matter. Fifth-class matter must be so put up as to be fit for conveyance in the mail bags, and yet admit of ready and full examination by the officers of the post-office. The postage on fifth-class matter must be prepaid by postage stamps securely affixed thereto, at the rate of 1 cent per ounce weight or fraction of an ounce. The limit of weight for fifth-class matter will be 4 pounds for any single package, and as respects dimensions, the ordinary limit of 2 feet in length by 1 foot in width or depth. Transmissions of the fifth class will be subject to the general prohibitory regulation excluding from the mails all matter liable to destroy, deface or otherwise damage the other contents of the mail bags or injure the person of any officer or servant of the post office, as well as all obscene or immoral matter. A packet of fifth-class matter may be posted for registration on pre-payment, by 5 cent registration stamp, or 5 cents in addition to the postage charge, and it