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We are receiving a French Bee Journal, "Revue Universelle," which we would like to pass on to some one of our French readers who would give us translations of any items that may be thought of interest to our Canadian readers. Unfortunately for us, we must plead ignorance of the French language.

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We would again remind our readers of the Brant district convention, which convenes in Brantford on Jan. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, at the Court House. Several prominent bee-keepers have stated their intention to come. It cannot fail to be very interesting and instructive. Mr. H. G. Sibbald will be on hand with a new and complete wax extractor of his own design, and will explain same fully. The first session begins at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 21st.

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Mr. Henry D. McIntyre, of Galt, Ont., writes us as follows:—"I took special notice of your method of outdoor wintering in the last C. B. J. That is the honey board pryed loose. According to my experience that is good advice. Mr. J. Alpaugh advised me to do the same thing, and he has been successful. What size entrance do you recommend for medium to strong colonies in eight frame hives with honey board loosened? What has been your average winter loss for the last two years with the honey board loosened?"

Mr. Alpaugh is a good bee-keeper, and we are glad to know

that his idea and practice coincides with our own. Our winter entrance is about 4 inches by half for all colonies strong and weak; and frequently during the winter, when keeping the entrances free from snow, we run a doubled up piece of wire into the entrance to ensure its being kept open, and not blocked up by ice or dead bees or other causes. This should be done at least half a dozen times during the winter, and especially in the early spring, when the bees begin to get active and start house-cleaning. What our winter losses have been during the past two winters we really could not say, as we kept no systematic record thereof. They have been very small, however. We think we can say truthfully that we lost no hive that retained its queen and was populous enough to come through. We have brought through some hives that was so light in bees that we hardly expected to see them alive in the spring.

The HAM & NOTT CO. new season's Catalogue of Bee-Keepers' Supplies just issued is one of the neatest publications of the sort we have come across. The line of goods offered is very comprehensive, and the cuts and descriptive matter full and clear. The Company purpose giving this new department of their business special attention, and bee-keepers will find that their wants will be carefully and promptly attended to. Anyone can have a copy of the list referred to by dropping a card to The Ham & Nott Co., Limited, successor to Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., Brantford, Ont.