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The Retiring Editor.

The decision of Mr. R. F. Holtermann to permanently retire from the editorship of The Canadian Bee Journal, from the ranks of bee-keepers and from his business connections, will doubtless have caused much surprise and regret among many readers of this Journal. While some may not have always agreed with Mr. Holtermann, and possibly have opposed him in many ways, still a large number of Canadian bee-keepers have profited by his practical knowledge and by his untiring efforts to advance the interests of this important industry. Many doubt the wisdom of Mr. Holtermann's recent action, but it is a matter which he has necessarily decided for himself, and we can only hope that he has been guided aright and wish him success in his new undertaking.

The Future.

While we regret Mr. Holtermann's resignation, it is our determination with the co-operation of our readers to turn out even a better publication than heretofore, and we will spare no pains to effect this end. There is little money and very little glory to the publishers in conducting this Journal, but we have an interest in the bee-keeping industry and feel that its importance demands a publication devoted to its special interests. We are arranging for articles by competent men, which will appear from time to time, and will continue to give full reports of important conventions, so that our readers may profit by the papers read and the discussions engaged in at these

meetings. The Journal has been of a practical character since we assumed its publication over six years ago, and it is our intention to make it increasingly helpful and valuable.

Canadian.

We desire to emphasize the word "Canadian" in the title of this Journal, for the benefit of Canadian readers, in order to try and awake greater interest in it and co-operation in making it increasingly interesting and valuable. The U. S. publications are in several instances well conducted and have one hundred bee-keepers for a constituency, where there is one in Canada, giving a decided advantage in many ways, but despite that we doubt if any of them give better matter on the average than that contained in The Canadian Bee Journal. We thank the many in Canada who have stood loyally by the Journal by subscribing for it, by interesting their friends in it and by contributing articles for publication. But "one good turn deserves another" and we ask for your continued and increased co-operation, and feel that the Journal is entitled to and worthy of your hearty backing. We make special terms to new subscribers and will be pleased to mail sample copies to any address given us. Are you, Canadian reader, sufficiently interested to get us a subscriber or send us an item of interest or a short article for publication? Please don't all speak at once.

Suggestions.

It is sometime said that any reader of a publication could run it better than the