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### EDITORIAL.

**T**HIS is an issue of conventions. We give reports of two or three local Associations, and partial reports of the Detroit and Ontario conventions. Just as we were getting along nicely with our report of the St. Catharine's meeting, we received a little "set back" which, while it will not interfere very materially with our giving the full report of the meeting, together with all the papers in the very near future, prevents us doing so in this and the next issues. It will be remembered that a resolution was passed instructing the President and Secretary to transmit all the papers read to the Minister of Agriculture, together with the regular annual report. The President called at the Department on his way home from the convention, and saw the Deputy-Minister with reference to that and other matters, and Mr. Blue stated that the Department would be quite willing to publish all the papers and documents submitted to them, provided they received them at first-hand, and also be-

fore they had appeared in the newspapers or journals. This condition they impose upon all Associations of like nature. Under these circumstances we feel that it would be unfair for us to give the papers to the public, even though we had them all in our possession, and we have, therefore, transmitted them to the President to go into the annual report, which will appear in the course of two or three weeks. We will likely be able to give them in our issue of Feb. 15. When the information detailed above, came to us, we had two of the papers already in type, and we have permission from the Deputy-Minister of Agriculture that our using these will make no difference to their appearance in the report. Of course, without the papers as leaders, the discussions thereon will not prove very satisfactory reading, and these we will also withhold until the appearance of the papers.

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Death has added another to its long list, in the person of Mr. Alfred Neighbor, London, Eng., who passed away on the 19th December last. Mr. Neighbor was a personal friend, and as such we regret very much to hear of his death. He will be missed much more by the bee-keeping public of England, to whom he was well known, through his book on apiculture: "The Apiary; or Bees, Bee Hives, and Bee Culture," as well as being one of the supply firm of Geo. Neighbor & Sons.