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EDITORIAL.

WHAT do the members of the Ontario Bee-keepers Association think of holding an informal bee talk on the ground during the exhibition? We would urge upon the directorate to take into consideration this matter. It is probable that two events will occur which will make it very desirable that bee-keepers should meet in a body at that time. We expect that Mr. Thomas Cowan, chairman of the British Bee-keepers' Association will be with us during the first weeks of September, and if Mr. Young can so arrange as to make his visit at the same time, the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association should make every effort to give these gentlemen a reception such as they deserve and such as will send them home to their own respective countries with feelings of admiration for Canada and for Canadian bee-keepers. We would now call upon the President to ascertain the feelings of the directors on this point. He knows the way in which the Ontario delegates were treated by Mr. Cowan, and we should take this opportunity of, in some degree, showing our appreciation here of the way they were used while in England. No doubt had our commissioners visited Norway, they would have met with as cordial a welcome from Mr. Young, and "taking the will for the deed" a reception to him should be coupled with the one to Mr. Cowan.

Mr. Thomas Ainley, Mount Forest is a tanner and bee-keeper. One night last week his tannery was destroyed by fire and Mr. Ainley was the loser of quite a large amount.

We have received from the hands of Dr. A. B. Mason, the jovial superintendent of the apiarian department of the State fair which is annually held at Toledo, the premium list, in which we find the sum of \$113.50 set apart for that department.

On Tuesday last a large excursion from this section visited the Agricultural College at Guelph. Two of the employees in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL office went along and called on Rev. W. F. Clarke. They report everything in a favorable condition.

Bee-keeping has made great progress during the last twenty years; but even greater progress will be made during the next decade or two. Singularly enough, some good bee-keepers see no advantages in some of our best improvements. Doolittle does not believe in comb foundation, but would not do without separators. Dadant makes very nice foundations but prefers to extract all his honey. Hutchinson and Clarke and others are enthusiastic over invertible hives, while Pond and Denaree say they are no good. Now were we to discard all the things that even good bee-