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EDITORIAL.

LEST a wrong impression get abroad let us explain that while the presentations of the other evening to Messrs. Cowan and Young were under the auspices of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, contributions were made by many bee-keepers of the country, not members of the Association and the inscription on the cane was worded accordingly, "Presented by the Bee-keepers of Ontario."

HONORS TO OUR VISITORS.

TRIBUTE PAID TO THOS. WM. COWAN AND
IVAR S. YOUNG, ESQUIRES.

THE special meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association was held in the Board room of the Industrial Exhibition Association on the grounds, on Thursday evening last.

In the absence of the President, who excused himself by letter, Vice-President J. B. Hall, of Woodstock, occupied the chair, and he did it in his own felicitous and happy way.

An impression had somewhat got abroad—how we do not know—that the meeting was for Tuesday evening, and as many as a dozen or two bee-keepers came in for the meeting that evening. They could not stay till the time set and so went away disappointed.

The prime object of the meeting was

to give a reception to the two foreign gentlemen who were favoring Canada with a visit, viz.: Thomas William Cowan, Esq., Chairman British Bee-keepers' Association, and Editor of the *British Bee Journal*, and Ivar S. Young, Esq., Editor *Norwegian Bee Journal*. The latter gentleman has been delegated as a commissioner by the Norwegian Government to visit the United States and Canada, with the object of gleanng all the new things he could, with reference to bees and bee-keeping. He is also Manager of the Norwegian Bee-keepers' Association.

Mrs. Cowan also favored the meeting with her presence.

The first part of the meeting was occupied in an exhibition of the various parts of the bee very much magnified, Mr. Cowan's beautiful and expensive microscope being brought into requisition. Mr. Cowan had with him some six dozen views, and, of course, but a few could be shown, amongst these being, viz.: "The tongue of the bee"; "The notch in the fore-leg showing the antennæ cleaner"; "The point of the sting of the bee showing the barbs," etc.

Several of the gentlemen present at the meeting had been previously favored with looks at these views privately.

The Chairman opened the meeting by mentioning the fact that the gathering was held for the purpose of extending a greeting to the gentleman mentioned above, and after some further remarks