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EDITORIAL

IN going through a mass of old correspondence of some years ago, we found a letter from the late Honorable Lewis Wallbridge, Chief Justice of Manitoba, enclosing one from the then Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, George Buckland, Esq., both of which related to the application then before the Provincial Legislature for the incorporation of the Bee-keepers' Association. The Hon. S. C. Wood was at that time the Minister of that Department, and the letter from his Secretary sets forth that he sees "no objection whatever to such action and thinks it might be done by recognising the Society in an addendum to the Agriculture and Arts Act *without* introducing a condition for a legislative grant." But this latter was just what the then O.B.K.A. was most in need of, and in the absence of a promise of the grant they decided to remain as they were,—a purely voluntary body, without legal powers or status. It will, therefore, be seen, that while "Incorporation" is a thing of but recent date, it might have been obtained as far back as 1881, when the first application was made. This will be an interesting item to many of the newer members of the Association.

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SECTIONS.

OPEN ON TWO SIDES OR OPEN ALL AROUND.

IN *Gleanings*, page 25, the question is asked "Are sections open on all sides preferable to those open on top and bottom?" Messrs. Dadant & Son answer, 'Yes.' Mr. George Grimm, 'No.' Now, why the difference in opinion? No doubt this difference is largely due to the system practised in taking comb honey. One who uses the Heddon super or similar, where there are wooden partitions between the rows of sections for section support, preventing the bees passing from one row of sections to another, would not be so apt to see the advantage of the double slotted, and we do not think that anyone using them in such a way as to prevent the bees from utilizing these slots could be benefitted very much by their use. We are aware of the fact that many who use them have been accustomed to using a particular kind of case for sections for a long time, and do not feel desirous of changing. Such are likely to be prejudiced in favor of their particular system, but this question of side openings is one, we think, which should be treated in a broader sense. We are convinced that only those who have tested them thoroughly and adapted their supers and management to their constructions could see all the advantages to be gained from their use. We notice on page 42 of *Gleanings* a very valuable article from our friend Oliver Foster, and as it con-