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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A union meeting of Brant and adjoining County Bee-Keepers Associations is being arranged for to be held in the Court House, Brantford on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2nd and 3rd. The meeting is exclusively for the purpose of discussing the practical management of bees and the marketing of honey; all bee-keepers will be made welcome to come and take part in the topics. Information regarding the above will be gladly given by the Secretary of the Brant County Association (W. J. Craig) from present indications a good attendance is anticipated. On the afternoon of Wednesday the opportunity will be given to any who may wish to visit the Foster—Holterman bee cellar and honey house which we believe is the most perfectly arranged winter repository known. Mr. Holterman reported to us the other day, when the thermometer stood at 25° below zero outside that the temperature of his cellar had only fallen one degree. This certainly seems to be the nearest to perfection that we have heard of.

The market for extracted honey is still very dull; usually it brightens up a little about the Christmas season. It has been our experience in handling honey for a number of years that it is better not to hold stocks long after new year, better to sell before or soon after; Maple syrup comes in a little later and invariably checks the demand for honey.

It would be well for bee-keepers to be careful and inform themselves regarding the reliability of unknown individuals or concerns to whom they consign their honey. We have heard of some clever people being abroad at present taking advantage of the condition of the market and stocks in Ontario.

The Trenton Meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keeper's Association was on the whole very satisfactory, the most important business perhaps in connection with the meeting was the revision of the Foul Brood Act to provide for local inspectors; a full report of the changes in the act will be given later. We are pleased to say that the clouds which appeared on the horizon threatening a storm passed over midway the meeting, no damage done and leaving the association atmosphere clearer than it has been for a good while.

We must admit that we are rather in sympathy with the proposal to reduce the number of directors. We cannot see the necessity of so many and we are inclined to think that by another year unless the association assumes a much greater magnitude