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The wave is breaking on the shore—

The echo fading from the chime—

Again the shadow moveth o'er

The dial-plate of time!

—Whittier.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous New Year. The C. B. J. has put on a brand-new dress for the occasion. We hope you will like it.

"Gleanings in Bee Culture," Christmas number, is the neatest production we have seen in bee literature. The cover is most artistically designed in colors, the matter is good, and it is beautifully illustrated throughout on tinted paper. We congratulate Editor Root.

Our friend, Morley Pettit, of Villa Nova (late of Belmont), is conducting a department in the "American Bee Journal," entitled "Canadian Beedom." Mr. Pettit is well adapted for the work. The introduction will keep our American cousins in touch with us.

We are having a most remarkable season in the southern districts of Ontario. Scarcely any snow so far, and very mild for the season. Bees outside are reported as having had a partial flight on December 26th and 27th. Some bee-keepers who winter in cellars speak of their bees being quite restless on account of the high temperature.

Canadians who were present at the National Bee-keepers' Association Convention at Chicago say it was one of the best they have ever had the pleasure of attending. The attendance was large throughout, and the papers and discussions were of a very high order. Sorry we were unable to be present; we have, however, secured a number of the papers, through the kindness of their authors, and some selected notes of the discussions.

We have not had any official report from the freight rate committee, but understand that they received a very favorable hearing from the Railway Commissioners, and that they have every reason to believe that their request for a reduction in the classification of bees, honey and beeswax will be acceded to.

CAUCASIAN BEES.

Nothing for a long time has so agitated the minds and divided the opinions of the United States bee-keepers as the introduction of this race of bees by the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Gleanings is rather favorable to the new-comer, while Editor Hill, of the American Bee-Keeper, waxes hot in his denunciation of them in the following editorial:

While the intentions of the Department are doubtless the best, we deem the procedure one, the wisdom of which may well be questioned. The American Bee-Keeper would certainly decline the proffered gift of a Caucasian queen, and would pray that none of its neighbors might accept; at least until the race has given a better account of itself than now stands to its credit in this country. When a Caucasian queen for breeding purposes or otherwise is desired, the breeder would hardly forego the wish to possess her simply because of the usual purchase price.

The Caucasian race has now been before the American public for more than twenty years. Some, at least of those who tried them, found them