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The Editor has requested us to step to the front (page) this month, and we blushing make our bow to the readers of the C. B. J.

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In accepting the assistant editorship of this Journal, we feel that we are in some measure helping Mr. Hurley in the disinterested and useful work he is performing on behalf of the bee-keepers of Canada. Since we became acquainted with Mr. Hurley, we have realized the large amount of time that that gentleman has spent in the service of his fellows, and as it seems a duty that we could share, we felt impelled to accept the flattering invitation to become his assistant in the management of this journal.

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Could not a better system of election be devised? The majority of the members are disfranchised on account of their inability to attend the convention.

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We do not believe, however, that the present system under which the association is conducted is the best from a business point of view. All the real work, of course is done in committee. There appears, however, to be some difficulty in obtaining men willing to undertake committee work. On looking down the list of members of the four committees appointed at the convention, we notice that the thirteen seats are filled by six individuals of whom only three are ordinary members of the association. The other three are the President, Secretary and the Provincial Apiarist.

When writing our notes last month, we had not seen Morley Pettit's interesting paper on "The Large Exhibition and the Bee-keepers," read by him at the O. B. K. A. In it he has the following passage, which we should like our readers to consider carefully. "I believe this association should appoint a commission to investigate the whole matter of showing honey and bees at the exhibition, and see if something cannot be done to offer more inducements to bee-keepers to put up displays at the country fairs as well as at the great exhibitions. It is true that prices are advancing to a certain extent, but no more rapidly than in other lines of goods. The matter of advertising is one which bee-keepers as a class are neglecting almost entirely. We must be aggressive in this and keep our product to the front."

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It hits the nail right on the head. "We must be aggressive"—and perhaps we may be allowed to add "progressive." Certainly something should be done by the association in the matter and likewise by every individual bee-keeper.

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The Doctor (Gleanings p. 748), in reference to a statement that man will never produce a non-swarving race of bees says: "Better not be too sure what man will or will not do. A few years ago some people said man would never fly, and now he is sailing in all directions. Only five per cent. of Dadant's bees swarm. Either 19/20 of his bees are non-swarvers, or else he has travelled

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