

ward him that there will be little if any danger of "balling." Instead, he looks for their help and co-operation, promising, so far as in him lies, to maintain the independence of the Journal, freeing it from anything that might savor of one-sidedness or of being the organ of any individual or concern. Its columns will be open to all, and free thought, expression, and discussion encouraged. We want our bee-keeping friends to understand right now that the C. B. J. will be largely what they make it.

Some one has spoken about taking the Journal out of the hands of people having "axes to grind." Mr. Yeigh has replied on behalf of the company. As for the Editor, he hasn't got an "axe," and would at this juncture suggest a wholesale burying of axes, hatchets, and everything of the sort and let us begin at the coming Convention "a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether."

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### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association will meet in Toronto Dec. 7, 8, 9. An excellent programme has been prepared, a copy of which appears elsewhere in this issue. The Executive, while laboring under a disadvantage through the absence and illness of Secretary Couse, are sparing no pains to make the meeting a success. It certainly will be if they have the co-operation of the members of the Association. The season, no doubt, has been discouraging in many ways, but let us have a grand rally and encourage one another for renewed efforts. Remember it is the closing meeting of the Century. It has been a wonderful Century for advancement and development, and in nothing has this been more evident than in the bee-keeping industry.

Let affiliated societies send all the delegates they can. Often several can go by each having a portion of their expenses paid.

### THE DECEMBER C. B. J.

We will endeavor to have the December number of the JOURNAL issued not later than November 27th or 28th, in order to reach our subscribers before their leaving for the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Convention. All matters for publication in that issue should reach this office not later than Nov. 20th.

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### A. B. C. NEW EDITION

We have just received a specimen of the new edition of the A. B. C. in Bee-Culture, published by the A. I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio.

It is an excellent work on the subject—clear, definite and practical—a work that should be in the hands of every bee-keeper, or intending bee-keeper. We recommend it to our readers.

We have ordered a number of copies of the book and will be pleased to supply them. Price \$1.25, postage free.

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### INVENTIONS

We have noted with regrets how that inventions have been shown and judged and prizes awarded for them at our Industrial Exhibition, year after year, and yet how few people have been really benefitted beyond the inventor himself; this was certainly not the intention of the award. In this issue we are pleased to present to our readers an illustrated description of two exhibited this season by Mr. H. R. Smith, St. Thomas.

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### ARE YOUR BEES READY FOR WINTER?

We repeat and emphasize Editor Doolittle's question and would say that if they are not they should be. The fall flow in many localities has been fairly good and much less feeding has had to be done that was at first anticipated.