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EDITORIAL

THE *Bee-keepers' Magazine* published the present year by Aspinwall & Treadwell, has passed into the hands of Mr. John Aspinwall, who will in future conduct it as a separate enterprise, not connected with a supply business at all. The editor in his prospectus remarks that he "has always contended that a bee journal could not support itself with profit to the publishers unless connected with a supply business, and he still holds that ground." "We mean," he says, "by *profit* a sum sufficient to support the editor comfortably without devoting his time to something else." Unless he purposes pursuing that "something else" we fail to understand how he purposes making it pay now, even though the price has been put at the old figure—50c. per year. However, the *Magazine* is a live journal, untrammelled and unbound in all its principles, and we wish it every success.

Mr. Ivar S. Young, Editor *Norwegian Bee Journal*, has left for home carrying with him a lot of goods such as he found on this side of the Atlantic suitable to the use of the bee-keepers of Norway.

The Michigan bee-keepers are doing a good thing in meeting with the Michigan Horticultural Society in joint convention at East Saginaw on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of December next. On Dec. 7th the questions to

come up for discussion are as follows: "Do bees injure maturing fruit? What trees are valuable for honey and also beneficial for decorative purposes about a homestead? How great are the benefits of honey bees in promoting the setting of fruits? How does bee-keeping supplement horticulture commercially?" The discussion of these topics jointly by the two societies will prove exceedingly beneficial to both, and it may be the means of doing away with a good deal of useless litigation in the future. Fruit raisers and bee-keepers will meet and talk over the matter in a friendly way and both will learn much of which they have been ignorant heretofore, and in all probability the trouble which has arisen between these two classes of the community will be to a great extent harmonised. The committee appointed to arrange this joint convention were Messrs. Cook, Cutting, and Hutchinson, and they have evidently done their work well. In another column will be found the program of the bee-keepers' meeting.

Our report of the North American Bee keepers' Convention, held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th insts. will commence with next issue.

The date of the annual Convention of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association has been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th January. J. B. Hall, Vice-President, W. Couse, Secretary.