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EDITORIAL.

AN accident of a very sad nature occurred to the family of a subscriber of the BEE JOURNAL in the person of Mr. W. B. Mills, of Arden. According to the *Toronto World* of the 22nd inst. his wife and daughter and Mrs. Mills' sister-in-law were all drowned. Mrs. Mills, her two daughters and sister-in-law went in the lake for a bath when one of the daughters went beyond her depth. The other three went to her rescue and the result was that all excepting the younger daughter were drowned. We tender Mr. Mills the sympathy of all readers of the C. B. J. in this his sad bereavement.

The value of honey imported into the United Kingdom during the month of June amounted to £1737.

A correspondent in the *British Bee Journal* gives an account of a robber-bee, which, while it was in one of the cells of the hive which it had entered, was sealed over alive by four other bees (occupants of the hive) and then left to die, which it did on the evening of the same day—perhaps from suffocation.

The *British Bee Journal* of July 14, contains the following notice: "Mr. W. Couse, secretary of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, desires us to convey his thanks to Mr. T. B. Blow, of Welwyn, for the donation to the Library

of the Association, of his work *Among the Queen Raisers of North Italy and Carniola*, and to 'Amateur Expert' for forwarding the same."

In a letter from H. Stalhammar, Gotheaberg, Sweden, editor of the *Swedish Bee Journal*, he says: "The winter has been very mild with us, seldom lower in the temperature than sixteen degrees below zero, but on the other hand there has been a good deal of spring dwindling, very much depopulating the hives. Swarming has gone on very slowly and the honey yield from flowers has only served for the feeding of the brood. This spring the drought was very excessive in this country. Now we have had some fine rains and hope that the yielding of honey will improve. He further says: "I am very glad weekly to receive your valuable CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL in which is to be found lots of practical things."

The second annual report from the General Manager of the National Beekeepers' Union is before us. It recounts the work which has been done during the past year through the influence of the Union. The financial statement for two years up to June 1st, 1887, shows receipts of \$775; expenses in connection with the defence of suits, and for printing, stationery, etc., \$550. The balance on hand at the present time is \$224 and the manager estimates that this amount will be required to cover the