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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association is announced for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 15th, 16th and 17th at Toronto. The place of meeting will probably be in the vicinity of the Massey Hall, where will be held the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show. The prize list for this latter is quite attractive, and we would like to see a good display of honey by the Association.

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The Honey Exchange Committee has issued its annual circular, asking for crop reports. It is very desirable that these queries should be answered as fully as possible, and returned to the Secretary at once. It is the desire of the Association to make this department as useful as possible to its members. The committee will meet probably about the 15th, when everything in connection with the season and the crop will be taken into consideration, and the members advised regarding probable market values as soon after as possible.

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We had the pleasure a few days ago of visiting the apiary of Mr. Frank P. Adams, Bow Park Farm. Frank has had a fair share of the good things of the season. We are pleased to note that he is coming into prominence as a queen breeder as well as being an extensive honey producer. The "Swathmore" and Laws System is fol-

lowed to some extent in the "Bow Park" apiary, and we were very much interested in the working of the "baby nuclei." Frank says he has been quite successful with them for mating his queens. "Just a teacupful of bees is required for each little hive." This reminds us that we are indebted to friend "Swathmore" for his kindness in sending us a copy of his book, "Baby Nuclei."

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We have only just now had an opportunity of examining the marked copy of "Farmers Bulletin No. 59," issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, and entitled "Bee-keeping," by Prof. Frank Benton, revised and enlarged to 48 pages. The bulletin is valuable, as we would expect it to be from such an authority. Among the new matter we note the following subjects:

"Overstocking."

"Value of bees in pollination."

"The various races of bees."

"Relative gentleness of races."

"Adding bees to natural swarms."

"Comb foundation, not artificial comb."

"Comb honey, not manufactured."

"Utilizing brood and honey from diseased colonies."

"Bee paralysis."

"Legislation affecting apianian interests."

The bulletin may be had on application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D.C.

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We are favored with the following report from Mr. F. W. Jones, of Quebec Province. Mr. Jones has a large business connection and has a good idea of conditions in his province:

"Bees did not winter any too well in Quebec, and the Spring was rather late and wet, but flowers bloomed abundantly, notably dandelions, and bees built up pretty well. Clover in th