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Mr. Samuel Cushman has taken editorial charge of Apiarian Department of *Farm and Home*, and he is assisted by J. H. Martin, Allen Pringle, and a number of other leading beekeepers.

We hope to see a goodly turn-out of New York State beekeeper's at our St. Catharines meeting on the 7th and 8th inst. This invitation is unofficial, but we know that the members of the Ontario Beekeepers Association will be ready to welcome all of their American brethren who can find the time to be present.

The *Review* comes to us for December with a nice cover, and considerably improved otherwise. It is now 24 pages and the cover, and the price has been raised to \$1.00 per year. We congratulate W. Z. on his enterprise, and we hope that all his fond anticipations may be realized. The *Review* and CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, when clubbed together will hereafter be \$1.45.

Our catalogue for 1891 will be ready, and mailed to our thousands of customers before the next number of the BEE JOURNAL is issued. Some radical changes will be found in it, among these being a considerable reduction in the prices of sections, extractors, etc. Some new lines have been added, and altogether we present about as complete a catalogue as one can imagine.

The Detroit convention, now going on, will be fully reported in the next issue of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, by Mr. R. F. Holtermann, who will be present in our behalf. We regret our inability to be there, but we cannot get away from business long enough to take both Detroit and St. Catharines, and the latter has claims upon us which cannot be overlooked. We shall be sorry if the having of these two conventions so close together detracts from our St. Catharines meeting, and we trust such will not be the case.

We frequently discuss in our own minds the justice of noticing the scores, of price lists, catalogues, etc., of supply dealers who

ers. I observe that influence is likely to be brought to bear on the U. S. government for the purpose of getting an appropriation sufficient to enable American beekeepers to search and test races other than those at present within their possession. I hope that something better may be found, but I have no faith in the bees which may be found in Africa. If the Cyprians are cross the bees of the country just named are much crosser. I have been subjected to some pretty bad stinging in my life, but I shall never forget the attack which was made on me in the Khedive's garden at Alexandria. These were black bees and not quite so large as the bee called by the same name in America, but they could sting and they would follow a person and keep up the fight as long as there were any of them left. I should be very sorry to have any such breed in my apiaries. As for *apis dorsata* it might be brought here and tested, but I do not believe it could be crossed with our present races. It may not be generally known that they have fixed and peculiar habits, which renders crossing impossible; one of these is that the queens go out to mate about sunset and it is not an unusual thing to have the queen and drones return by twilight. I have more hope of success with bees brought from a milder climate; the Philippine Islands might give us something better, and there is also a group of Islands lying north and east of Australia, where we might find something of value. The hotter the climate the more irritable the bees in that country, without having corresponding advantages; and it is because of this I anticipate that bees from the Islands I have mentioned would be of a milder disposition and would be more apt to meet with our views.

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\* \* \* Secretaries of local associations are requested to forward us, at the earliest possible moment, the dates of their meetings; and when the convention is over, a full report of the proceedings.