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EDITORIAL.

NO Mr. R. McKnight, Owen Sound, is largely due the credit of putting the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association on a sound legal basis of management, and bee-keepers all over the country should feel indebted to him for it.

We have received the January number of the *American Carp Culture*, which is published at Youngstown, Ohio, by L. B. Logan. This was formerly called the *National Journal of Carp Culture*, and is now in its fifth volume. The *Journal* is a sixteen-page, illustrated monthly and is, we believe, the only journal in the United States devoted to the interests of carp culture. We do not know very much about carp, but from a cursory examination we should judge that those interested will find in it much valuable matter. We will club it with the C.B.J. for \$1.40 per year.

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SECOND DAY.

On nine o'clock on Wednesday the second day's session commenced. The first paper called for by the President was one by James Heddon on,

OVERSTOCKING.

The paper, however, we have not had yet. Following the paper by Mr. Heddon came one by Dr. Miller, entitled,

CAN THE SPECIALIST PRODUCE HONEY MORE CHEAPLY AND IN BETTER SHAPE THAN OTHERS? IF SO, WHY?

By *specialist* in this case I suppose is meant one who keeps a number of colonies and makes bee-keeping at least a principal part of his business, just where is the dividing line between one who is and one who is not a specialist may not be so easily determined. I suppose all would agree that a man who keeps a thousand colonies and devotes his whole time and thought to bee-keeping is a specialist, and one who owns a single colony which is left to take care of itself without the owner knowing whether the king or the drones lay the eggs, is not a specialist. Somewhere between these two lies a ground where it might be hard to tell whether a man were a specialist or not. Without any hair splitting, however, we may all agree that the specialist in bee-keeping devotes a considerable portion of his time and thought to the care of his bees and has enough colonies so that their failure or success may be a matter of serious concern to him.

I may as well frankly avow myself as a believer in specialties, but it is well to look at both sides. The general tendency is specializing in all departments. Our great-grandmothers cut the wool from the sheeps' backs, and without passing from their hands the wool was fashioned into stockings or coats. Now all that is changed. At least half a dozen persons take the place of one great-grandmother, each one pursuing his specialty, and so it is everywhere.

In an age so keen in the pursuit of wealth, there is no evading the conclusion that there must be money in settling down into specialties or it wouldn't be done. There are, however, ex-