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### EDITORIAL.

The Western Ontario Beekeepers' Association will meet in Tilbury Centre on Friday, March 17th.

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One or two errors—one of them quite an important one—occurred in Mr. R. W. McDonald's article on "Sugar Honey," pp. 351-52 of the last Journal. The word "it" in the third line of the last paragraph, should have been "I," and the signature should have been R. W. McDonnell, instead of "R. W. McDonald." The manuscript was very fine, clear and unmistakable, and how the compositor could have made such a mistake is perfectly incomprehensible.

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Dr. Miller, in his last "Straws," is kind enough to suggest that we endeavour to handle "the king's English" to the best of our ability. Coming from so distinguished and critical an authority we are disposed to accept the remark with all becoming humility and as quite a compliment. We have to assure the worthy doctor that, vernacu-

larly speaking, he does us proud. We have blushed and bowed, *comme de rigueur*, and hasten to thank him for the *summary*, as well as the "Summary," way in which he has so kindly elevated us in our own opinion.

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When "R. Wilkin (according to Dr. Miller in *Gleanings*) thinks we need a word indicating the contents of the hive as distinguished from the hive or box itself," may I ask whether the term "ccntents" which he uses is meant to include the entire material,—combs and racks as well as bees,—or is it intended to apply merely to the bees? If the latter is the intention, then it is scarcely necessary to travel outside of Noah Webster or any other English dictionary for an appropriate term, and I would suggest the word "rush" as one very faithfully representing the conditions to be indicated. If the whole material contents are meant, and no fitting English term can be found to cover them, then the French word *ruche* may be very appropriately appropriated, inasmuch as it covers "the whole box and dice" of the business.

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I should be very much pleased to hear that our Canadian beekeepers took an interest in the roadside planting of fruit trees, as (*Gleanings* represents) is the case in some parts of Germany. They could not do a better thing. If the project were fairly started, it is not impossible that others beside our beekeepers might be induced to join in the movement, and eventually induce our several local administrations,—if not the Cotnty Councils—to assist in so valuable an enterprise. It is not the beekeepers alone who would profit by so humane a proceeding, inasmuch as the whole country, collectively and individually, would be sharers in common. In fact every