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## EDITORIAL

**A** RATHER strange coincidence occurred a day or two ago. On the day mentioned we received three registered letters all containing orders and all containing cash to cover same from customers all the name "Elliott" and each from a different section of country. Probably they are in no way related, but they all happen to be in the bee business. Our order clerk thought this worthy of note, and called our attention to it.

We beg to call attention to the prize-list of the Industrial Exhibition Association in the apiarian department, for the coming fair.

The following item is clipped from the *Empire* of Thursday.

Angus A. Taylor and Duncan Dewar, of Belmont, were in St. Thomas on Wednesday and purchased several hives of bees. While driving home the bees escaped from the hives and attacked the horses, which ran away, throwing the occupants out, and Mr. Dewar was severely injured. This morning he was seized with paralysis, and it is feared he cannot recover.

Only yesterday we received instructions from the gentleman who sold the bees to the parties named in the above paragraph to forward sample copies of the *BEE JOURNAL*, and we are surprised to learn that one of them has since met

with this accident. We do not understand how the hives could have been arranged that the bees could get out to any extent without having been noticed and if noticed it would have been little trouble to make them secure so that but few would have escaped.

### OUR OWN APIARY.

#### WIRING BROOD FRAMES.

**W**HETHER or not it is economy to wire brood frames is a question which is open for discussion.

For our own part we think it an unnecessary trouble and expense, and we have never practiced it, not even in the Heddon hives which we have in our yards. We have never used it at all. One point of value claimed for it is the safety in shipping, the combs are not so liable to break down, in the rough handling. Our experience has been, however, very free from accident in this particular. Probably one dozen combs would cover the total loss experienced by our customers. Of course we are always particular to select strong, solidly built combs for the purpose. If wired frames are to be used it will not be out of place to describe the method of wiring. First, do not use starters on wired frames. If you do, however, let them be placed between two full combs in the hive, and for that matter, if you have the combs to spare, it is always best to place the frames *filled* with foundation