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EDITORIAL.

The Rural California says :—The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL has improved in every way during the past year and is a useful and consistent paper.

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We shall watch with pleasure friend Cowan's description of the bees he found in Africa.

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In the Rural Californian we notice Mr. S. S. Watkin describes a new strawberry named the "New Honey Strawberry." No doubt, if this blooms and bears as represented it would be quite an acquisition to our gardens, and it might indirectly form an advertisement for the sale of honey.

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Many of our friends expect a good yield of fall flowers in localities where they abound, as the season so far has been very favorable usually in later years the Autumns have been too dry and for want of rain or moisture the Autumn flowers have not secreted even when the weather was favorable every other way but there seems to be no lack on this point this season so far.

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We are in receipt of a number of exchanges from foreign countries printed in foreign languages. If any of our subscribers would like same, by dropping us a postal card we will forward them.

Mr. Thomas Ramage writes us :—

I am well pleased with the C. B. J., which I consider has been considerably improved during the last six months, and wish you every success with same.

Thanks, friend Ramage, we are always pleased to receive encouraging words from subscribers. It does us good to know our efforts to improve the C. B. J. are appreciated.

The prospect for a large yield of basswood honey has never been better. Dry weather seems now to have fully set in as we have had no rain for several days and the weather is very favorable for a good honey secretion. The basswood is just loaded with buds, it will be unusually late blooming this year, perhaps ten days later than ordinarily, but if the weather is favorable there will be an immense flow, and following the basswood will be thistle bloom. Canadian thistles seem to have taken almost entire possession in many localities and ground that in ordinary years did not show much sign of thistles is now literally covered with it. About seven years ago we had an immense yield of thistle honey and many people thought that it was all basswood and wondered how basswood held out so long, even after extracting the basswood honey from the combs after it had ceased to yield and they were filled up with thistle and that extracted, it would taste of the basswood. A very small percentage of basswood flavors thistle and frequently we have good yields of thistle honey credited to basswood. We hope our friends will look out for plenty of storage in time and when they do get a good flow they will not allow it to go to waste for want of care. During the next month will be the majority of bee-keeper's harvest especially in Canada and the Northern States, and it behooves them to look closely and carefully after their own interests by seeing that nothing is neglected that will tend to give them the finest measure of prosperity. Let nothing prevent you from seeing after every little detail in connection with the apiary, see that every colony has plenty of room for storing their surplus and that the surplus is removed in time to keep plenty of space for storing, filled sections removed and empty ones