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WITH this issue of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL we have an important announcement to make. THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL has changed hands. The Ham & Nott Co. has sold the Journal to the writer, James J. Hurley, of the city of Brantford, of the Hurley Printing Co.

For the past ten years the writer has been an enthusiastic keeper of bees, and during that time has made several ineffectual attempts to secure the JOURNAL. Being in the printing business it was felt that his fondness for bee-keeping and the publication of the JOURNAL would dovetail nicely. We have at last achieved our desire. We undertake the task with no little misgiving as to results. It is well known to the bee-keeping fraternity that the JOURNAL has had a struggle for existence. It has never been a paying proposition. It has heretofore been issued under the auspices of the bee-supply dealer. Any loss that occurred was charged up to advertising and there the matter rested. We propose to change all this. We believe the bee-keeping industry of our prosperous Dominion will sustain the JOURNAL. Filled with this faith we put our hands to the task. We trust our readers will bear with us till we "find our feet." It is unfortunately too true that the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL has not had the life and snap that it should

have had. This was no doubt owing to a combination of circumstances the explanation of which would serve no purpose now. This is no reflection upon the late editor, Mr. Craig, who to our personal knowledge did the best he could.

There is perhaps not one quarter of the bee-keepers of the Dominion on the subscription list. This is not as it should be. An enterprise of this kind must be self supporting. A journal that is to be a real aid to the bee industry must get its support from bee-keepers, rather than from a supply house. We look to the bee-keepers of the Dominion for renewed interest in the JOURNAL, and promise on our part to give them a thoroughly up-to-date and efficient paper—one that will repay them many times the price of the subscription. It was our intention to increase the size of the JOURNAL at once, but we are told that this change had better not take place until the end of the year, so as not to interfere with the plans of those who bind up the yearly numbers in a volume. This intention will however be carried out with the issue of the January number.

We trust all lovers of our little friend the bee, will write us encouragingly and assist us in the task we have undertaken. Let us have the benefit of your experience, and mutually help along a growing and profitable industry, which is