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EDITORIAL

Preparations are already being made for the meeting of the International Association which will be held at Brantford during the coming fall, the date of which has not yet been positively announced. We believe that we can safely assert that this meeting will be more largely attended than any of the late association meetings, and we can promise our American friends a right hearty welcome; such a one as they received on their visit on the occasion of the last Annual Meeting held in Toronto in 1883 at which time the editor of this journal had the honor of being president.

Reports generally warrant us in saying that the bees are coming through the winter in very good condition. We are writing to a large number of beekeepers in different parts of Canada, asking them to make out reports as near as they can of the way in which bees have wintered in their immediate vicinities, and what the prospects seem to be for the coming season, and we will be able to give a full report very shortly.

NOTICE TO AFFILIATING SOCIETIES.

At the last annual meeting of the O.B.K.A., the time at which county or local associations must apply to the parent Association for affiliation, was changed from Nov. 1st to

May 1st of each year. The difficulty that arose last year was that many of the local associations did not decide on affiliation until so late that they were not able to dispose of the grant which was received from the O.B.K.A. and in some instances we believe special meetings had to be held in order to dispose of the grant, while in others the money was not spent at all; and yet remains on hand. The majority of the local associations hold spring meetings, and they can decide on affiliation at these meetings, and also on the manner in which the grant is to be applied, in lots of time so that when it is disposed of by way of the prizes at the local fairs, ample provision may be made before the publication of the usual prize list. We hope that a larger number of local associations will become affiliated this year than last, as the benefits to be derived are quite material. Already quite a number, we believe, have signified their intention of so doing. It might be well to mention that a fresh application must be made every year so that none of the societies that affiliated last year will neglect to make application in time. The printing committee were authorized to procure affiliation certificates which will be filled up by the secretary and forwarded immediately after the 1st May. These are now being prepared.

No matter what kind of printing you want, it can be done at this office. Visiting cards, bill heads, envelopes, pamphlets, note-heads, anything. Write for figures.