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## EDITORIAL

A MEETING of the Mount Forest Bee-keepers' Association was called by President Niven in the Council Chamber, Mount Forest on the 12th inst. The notice did not reach us in time for insertion in the last issue of the JOURNAL, but we hope to be able to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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At this date nothing further has been heard of the decision come to by the postal authorities with reference to the transmission of queens from Canada to United States. In conversation with one of the inspectors a day or two ago with reference to the matter, we tried to get a settlement, and we hope that before we go to press some final news may be given favorable to the resumption of the traffic. On the 31st of May we had some ten queens forwarded us from South Carolina, all of which arrived on June 1 in good condition. These came through in one package, postage paid to the extent of 15 cents. The weight of the package was 13 ounces.

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Our friends in the United States do not seem to be any nearer a reduction in the postage on packages of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, etc., though the bill

has passed the Senate, yet it seems as though the House of Representatives was about to prorogue without having allowed the matter to come before it. Every one interested in this subject (and everyone should be), addressed a letter to the House requesting that the gentlemen in charge of the bill be allowed to bring it before the House. It is likely that the President will approve of it, and that all that is required is simply to get the matter once before the members in due form. If not the matter will probably drop and not be heard of again for some time. We have many readers in the United States, and we direct their attention to this paragraph.

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The complete prize list of the Industrial Fair and Agricultural Exhibition to be held at Toronto from September 10th to the 22nd, inclusive, has been received. It is more complete than ever, the result of the experience of past years. We notice the Association have re-engaged the Manager and Secretary, Mr. H. J. Hill, for another term of five years. They could not have done better. We doubt if there is another man in the Dominion who would fill the position as creditably as Mr. Hill, though at times he has been charged with being hasty in his decisions, yet on the whole who could expect that mistakes would not be sometimes made where one man has so much to see after. The prize list was published in the columns of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL