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EDITORIAL

THE honey season is on the wane and as yet it has not been a success. Taken on the whole, there are some localities in Canada where the flow has been good, in others where it has been but an average, and in many sections we have complaints that there has not been more than sufficient to keep up brooding in the hive. The hot weather has worked much against the secretion of honey in the colonies. The cry seems to be general in the United States that the season has been a failure. For ourselves, we cannot complain. Thus far we have extracted as much as our total production for last year, with fewer colonies spring count, and we have sufficient honey in all our hives to carry our colonies through the winter, while last year we had to purchase some \$800 worth of sugar wherewith to make stores for wintering purposes.

On the 9th July Mr. Thomas W. Cowan, sailed from Liverpool for New York via the Cunard steamer "Etruria." His address for the present time will be, American Exchange, 162 Broadway, New York. We hope soon to be able to advise readers of the BEE JOURNAL when he will visit Canada.

What could be more appropriate than the nicely worded biographical sketch of Mr. T. W. Cowan which appears in

this issue, on the eve of his paying a visit to the bee-keepers of Canada. We shall be glad if it gives our readers the same pleasure to read it as it does us to publish it.

We observe our old friend, J. D. Krustke, has introduced something new in the strawberry line. At the late meeting of the Miami county Horticultural Society quite a long resolution was adopted concerning his new seedling strawberry "Miami." They seem to consider them somewhat ahead of the ordinary strawberry such as we have in Canada.

Mr. Thomas Cowan has arrived at New York, and from there writes us that his present arrangements are to spend the time, until the end of this week, in the states of New York and Massachusetts. He will then go to Quebec and Montreal and from those points westward to pay his promised visit to Ontario. We were in hopes Mr. Cowan's visit would be timed so that we would have him with us during the first week in September and we trust yet to be able to make some such arrangement.

OUR OWN APIARY.

FLAT HIVE COVERS.

THE hive covers which we are now making, and of which we spoke in a late number of the BEE JOURNAL as being water proof and reversible, are giving excellent satisfaction. It