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EDITORIAL.

AFTER a brief career the Queen Breeders' Journal has been purchased by Messrs. Watkins & McCallum who will consolidate it with The Western Apianian.

As the storckkeepers say in their spring and fall circulars, "we hope to meet all our old friends and as many new ones as possible," at the exhibitions. The BEE JOURNAL will be represented at Detroit and Buffalo, in addition to the Canadian fairs.

It will be gratifying to our readers to know that the History of British Columbia, by Hubert Howe Bancroft, until recently sold only with the complete set of this author's works in 39 volumes, can now be obtained separately, complete in one volume. It is perhaps one of the most difficult fields in literature, to take what was so lately a vast wilderness, with only the crudest material to work with, and make of it a complete and finished narrative; as Mr. Bancroft has done, interweaving with the more substantial political and industrial developments those pleasing incidents and romantic episodes connected with the wild and roving life here encountered.

Mr. Bancroft's pictures, in this volume, are drawn largely from life. Visiting the country in person he came into

close contact with the old retired officers of the Hudson's Bay Company, most of whom have now passed away. From their experiences he not only obtained a large mass of information which otherwise would have passed out of existence, but he was enabled to fill his work with vivid life and detail which in no other way could have been possible. Besides being a masterpiece of historical investigation, it is full of that thrilling interest which attaches to the subjugation and settlement of wild countries, which here have not their parallel in history. See advertisement in another column for agents, to whom very liberal terms are offered.

OUR OWN APIARY.

AT two of our outside yards our foreman has been trying some experiments which will be of interest at the present moment and which may probably be of assistance next season, if they continue to be as successful as they have up to this time. In one apiary there were 50 colonies and these have been increased to 75. As soon as the swarm came out it was hived on foundation and the parent colony was moved to a new stand while the new swarm was put in the old place and the top stories which were on the old colony were moved right on to the new swarm. The results have been that in the old colony principally young bees were left with