

teresting a way. I have reference to the pollenization of blossoms by bees.

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Mrs. Wolverton, M. A., has the following editorial under notes and comments:

Spraying in Blossoming Time.—In open letters Mr. Holtermann calls attention to the transgression of the law in certain sections. The Fruit Growers' Association has no sympathy with such violation, because the bee is the best friend of the fruit grower, and we desire to be known as its special guardians.

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Some of our leading bee-keepers have for some years been anxious to secure reduced freight rates on honey and other bee goods.

Several years ago a committee was appointed to take action in the matter. Mr. R. McKnight was either head of the committee or the sole representative and at the Lindsay meeting of the association, that gentleman reported that after a careful investigation, he found bee-keepers had nothing to complain of and he thought such a task would be hopeless. Several thought differently and a committee was again appointed, this time much larger, the late Mr. Allen Pringle at the head and strange to say, Mr. McKnight in spite of his statements a few minutes before, was put upon the committee. Mr. Pringle in some way forgot about the matter and never called the committee together, and when the statement was made to the above effect the following year at Stratford, no committee was reappointed, probably members of the association became discouraged and thought it would be no use anyway. The following year at Brantford, masterly inactivity in the matter still reigned supreme and probably for the same reason. During 1895 Mr. Holtermann paid some attention to the matter in hand. A long correspondence took place with Doctor C. C. Miller, T. Calvert of the A. I. Root & Co., and W. York who had the matter in hand in the United States. Last fall Mr. Holtermann decided to take action and Nov. 24th

wrote a letter to the various railroad companies approaching them in his capacity as lecturer in bee-keeping at the Ontario Agricultural College, and endeavored to show these companies that a change would be in the railroad companies best interests. A very courteous and pleasant reply was received and finally one from the chairman of the committee which deals with this matter, inviting Mr. Holtermann to Toronto. Mr. John Newton brought the matter up before the Oxford Bee-Keepers' Association just before the annual meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, and he was delegated to bring the matter before the latter association in Toronto. Mr. A. D. Allen came with the same thing in view. A committee was appointed to act with Mr. Holtermann, consisting of Mr. F. A. Gemmell. Mr. Holtermann still acting, not as a delegate from the O. B. K. A., but as a government official, appeared before the chairman of the committee. His object being to appear in the capacity in which he was likely to have most weight, and not because he did not appreciate his position as a representative of the association. Mr. F. A. Gemmell visited the same offices about the same time as a delegate from the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association and pressed the matter. Replying to a letter the following was received:

TORONTO, Feb. 8th, 1897.

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DEAR SIR:—Referring to your favor of the 1st inst. The Classification of Honey will be made as follows, soon as the new Book is approved by the Governor in Council and promulgated, it will probably not be for some weeks:—Honey, in glass, packed in cases 1st class, in cans, boxed 2nd class, in kegs or barrels 2nd. class, in comb boxed 1st class. Honey comb Frames K D. flat, or folded flat in bundles, crates or boxes 3rd class. Bee hives set up double 1st nested, 1st class, K. D. in bundles, or packed in boxes, or hives 3rd class.

Hoping the above will be satisfactory, I remain, Yours truly,

JOHN EARL, Chairman.

While this has not given us all asked for, it gives a very important concession, the classification on honey in cans, cased, is reduced one class. The bulk of our honey is