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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have just received a number of Italian queens direct from 'Sunny Italy.' They came through their long journey all alive and in excellent condition.

From general reports would conclude that a fair honey flow has been obtained from clover bloom; the weather will determine the basswood. Secretary Couse suggests a meeting of the O.B.K.A. honey committee at an early date to consider the crop and advise prices.

Commenting on the Sjbald system of swarming a few days ago, Mr. James Armstrong, of Haldimand, made the remark that, in his opinion, and from his experience, it is better to give the new swarm three combs of hatching brood. They are not any more ready to swarm with three than with one, and are examined in ten or eleven days at any rate. This gives a better division of the brood and young bees, preventing the new colony from dwindling.

In our experience the Alexander system is not without its divergencies, and goes to prove the remark by some one that "bees don't do anything invariably." Some colonies we handled in the way described by Mr. Alexander conducted themselves admirably and settled down to business, others swarmed before the ten or eleven days had expired, possibly the plan would have worked better had the brood been

raised above the queen excluder earlier, and before they had made up their mind to swarm.

No up-to-date bee-keepers should think of taking extracted honey without queen excluders. Some of our best comb honey men use them to prevent drones congregating in the comb honey supers and soiling the cappings. Occasionally one may come across a queen accidentally shut in above the excluder, or one may run short of a few excluders in an out apiary, and a queen may be found operating above. If the circumstance is discovered before the larvae is capped, by simply dipping the part of the comb in cold water, or pouring cold water into the cells, the larger larvae may be shaken out. By leaving the cells filled with water the eggs and smaller larvae will be removed by the bees, it is well to keep such combs toward the outside when returning them to the super, else the queen may repeat the operation, the combs filled or partly filled with honey being drawn towards the centre.

We have received the following from Mr. Wm. Couse, secretary of the O. B. K. A. :

"The Transportation Committee met some time ago, and decided to ask the Railway Classification Committee to make the following changes in freight tariff :

	L.C.L.	C. L.
Bees in hives	1	9
Honey in cans (not cased)	2	4
Honey in cans, (cased) ..	3	5
Honey in kegs or barrels ..	3	5
Bees wax	3	5

The committee feel that there ought to be some consideration given to their request, seeing that syrup, lard, tallow, paraffine, etc., are classified about these rates. The Classification committee will meet in Montreal at an early date, when we hope to have the matter brought before them.

WM. COUSE, Secretary.