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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Many readers will learn with sympathy of the very serious illness of Mrs. R. F. Holtermann. We are pleased to know from the city hospital authorities, that she is on a fair way to recovery, having undergone successfully a very critical operation.

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We are in receipt of a copy of a very handsome "Manuel Du Jardinier," issued by Mr. Jacques Verret, Charlesbourg, Que., his catalogue of vegetable and flower seeds, bulbs, plants and implements of horticulture, gardening and bee-keeping. The catalogue is in French throughout, very neatly gotten up and beautifully illustrated.

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Bees seem to be coming out generally satisfactory from the reports we have had so far. Mr. Frank Adams' "Bow Park" apiary of 225 came through all alive but one queenless stock. He thinks that clover has not been materially injured. They have a large acreage at "Bow Park" and should know. Here are some reports we have received from others:

St. Thomas, March 30, 1906.

Friend Craig:

We set our bees out of the cellar to-day. There was very little sign of dysentery. I never saw so many dead bees on the cellar floor, so they must have lost heavily. There were three colonies dead out of 113. The heavy snow and rains we have had lately

have improved the prospects for the clover, which was heaved in many places. From reports I have, bees have wintered well, although many will be light in stores,

R. H. SMITH.

London, Ont., April 2, 1906.

Friend Craig:

Bees have, to all appearances, wintered fine, are flying strong. Clover on clay land was reported as being considerably heaved during February. March has been more favorable, and, on the whole, I do not consider it seriously affected in this district. White clover, of course, will be unaffected.

F. J. MILLER.

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"Nemo," in the "British Bee Journal," copies the following very complimentary item about Canadian honey from a European contemporary:

"Writing about the beautiful exhibit of Canadian honey at the Universal Exposition in Liege, M. Van Hay, in "Le Rucher Belge," says that Canada is a country especially favorable for the production of a pure and delicious honey in large quantities. Immense tracts of country are covered with clover, whose scented and nectariferous flowers are favorable to the production of honey in abundance. Canadian honey has been much appreciated at the different shows, owing to its beautiful color and fine flavor. The exportation of this honey is unimportant, most of it being consumed at home, but as the yield could easily be doubled by the employment of modern methods, it would be very easy, in this great country, to produce an increased quantity of cheap honey, which would be exported to European markets. The construction of hives and appliances in Canada is not costly, as the wood can be had for next to nothing."

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