

great interest in all that pertains to the bee industry as has been shown by Mr. Ott. He has shown a great interest in the C.B.J., and we feel very grateful for it. Only a few days ago he sent us two dollars for two new subscriptions from bee-keepers in his neighborhood. In writing him thanking him for same, we remarked that if there were a couple of hundred more like him we could soon make the C.B.J. second to none. We hope he will long be spared to enjoy the sting of his bees.

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We beg to direct attention to the page ad. of Gunn, Langlois & Co., of Montreal, buyers and dealers in honey. This firm has a good reputation, extending over thirty-five years, for honest and fair dealings. Our subscribers can make no mistake in doing business with this firm.

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Are bees a nuisance to our neighbors? This question was up before Magistrate Livingston, in the City of Brantford, on Friday, June 26. A complaint was made against the bees of our friend, Mr. Wm. L. Bayless, 46 Grand Street. Unfortunately for Mr. Bayless, the Magistrate thought they were. This is an old question oft discussed. It has been in court so often that something definite should have been reached by this time. We believe Mr. Bayless would be sustained by the Higher Court if he appealed against the ruling of the Magistrate. In this connection we would like to suggest the plan adopted by the Canadian Press Association. The Association employs a solicitor of some repute to defend all cases of libel that may be entered against its members. Would not this be a good plan for our Ontario Bee-keepers' Association to follow? Many men in humble circumstances cannot undertake law suits. Membership in a strong association ought, however, to be a protection against these petty prosecutions. The Association ought to see to it that the humblest and weak-

est of its members will have defence and protection. Magistrates are mostly town or city bred, and have the proverbial horror of a sting from a bee, and generally sympathize with the complainant. It is very seldom that bees will attack a neighbor if they are not molested. Every case of this sort before our police magistrates should be defended. We believe they could be successfully defended.

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Re-Queen! Requeen!! And again Re-Queen!!! This is the admonition given us by Wm. McEvoy, of Woodburn. He says: "During the last three years over eighty per cent of the bees in the Province of Ontario died through poor stores, old queens and unfavorable springs. Young queens and choice stores would have brought nearly every colony through the unfavorable springs. But choice stores cannot bring old queens back to the prime of life and cause them to build up the colonies like young queens do. No class of stock in our Province requires improving as much as the bees of Ontario, and none is so badly neglected." We have not the slightest doubt but friend McEvoy is right. Great losses might be prevented with good young queens. From August to October they would build up strong colonies of young bees, able to withstand the rigors of the winter season. This is more than half the battle.

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It would seem almost incredible that during the year 1908 there have been imported into Canada 621,150 pounds of honey, valued at \$35,405. This, however, is the record, as shown by the Dominion Government's returns. This will give some idea of the possible development of this industry that awaits the bee-keepers of Canada if they will only rise to the occasion. That a magnificent agricultural country like Canada (more especially the Province of Ontario) should import this great quantity of honey, is a