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* versus beet sugar Wesley Foster in the use of cane is two to three cal beet sugar and ifference is notice-e-feed. The cane more readily, and y of undissolved l in the bottom." 'a bee-keeper who of sugar the past ion had been that mixed with water elating in the cells, et the same results h hot water." We e a decided parti-ugar. It is often acture of beet sugar ertain chemicals of completely to elim- he refined product. against successful

* " says Dr. Miller ever so much less hauling syrup ten the way I've done the out apiary dry the dry sugar into hives, leaving them ured a pint or so of nto each feeder, still red (no robbing ever

started); then filled up with water, cov-ering each feeder as I went." Mr. Mc-Intyre has an interesting article on feed-ing out-apiaries in the present issue.

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Two Irish bee-keepers were prosecuted in November last under the Irish Bee Pest Prevention Act for having refused to allow a duly authorized bee-inspector to enter their premises and inspect the bees kept there. The visits were made by the inspector in July, 1910. The act provides that the visits must be made "in reasonable time" and the definition of the latter expression was interpreted by the Irish department of Agriculture as "any time between April 20 and October 31st, inclusive, when the bees are flying on the premises, and when weather conditions are favorable." The defendants contended that the period fixed by the department was not at all a reasonable time, and stated that bees should not be inspected or disturbed in clover districts from June 1 to August 20, and in heather districts from June 1 to September 15. This would leave, they contended, ample time for inspection. In clover districts bees could be inspected from April 1 to June 1, and again from August 20 to October 31; and in heather districts from April 1 to June 1, and again from September 15 to October 31. The defendants therefore desired that the magistrates would adjourn the cases in order that a conference might be arranged between bee-keepers and the Department of Agriculture. The cases were accordingly adjourned until February 10th, when the hearing was resumed. It transpired, however, that the defendants had taken no steps to bring about the suggested conference. It would appear from the evidence that a number of the colonies in the defendants' yards were diseased and had subsequently to be destroyed. Defendants were fined 12 cents and one dollar costs.

It has been suggested that had a little more tact been shown by the bee-inspector, matters might have happened a little differently. Bee inspectors have undoubtedly a very delicate task to perform and they need to go about their business very warily. We approve of the intention of our Ontario Department of Agriculture, as announced by Mr. Morley Pettit at the Brantford convention, to change the title from that of "inspector" to "instructor." The Department intends to pursue a vigorous educative policy, both through the "instructors" and through the county associations. Mr. Hodgetts, the Secretary of the O.B.K.A., has shown how much good and useful work can be performed by the county associations holding field demonstrations at various points within their areas. These are the right lines to work along and we are certain that bee-keepers generally will assist and co-operate with the department. We certainly prefer the idea of sending out instructors to educate rather than that of policemen to prosecute.

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A correspondent proposes in connection with an apiary of 100 colonies, to construct a bee house and cellar, and seeks the advice of those of our readers possessing experience in same. Whilst the building is to be fairly inexpensive, it should contain the very best features in bee-house construction. A slight slope to the land will permit of an entrance both to the cellar and the first floor. Details are asked for as regards the general arrangement, (dimensions, arrangement of rooms and cellar, ventilation, lighting, work benches, platform for extractor, screening, arrangement and type of doors and windows, storage or tank room, etc.), and also as regards the materials. Are there any special features which should be avoided or incorporated? Will our readers kindly oblige?

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