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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Spring opened earlier than usual and yet vegetation is not much, if any, further advanced at this date than in an ordinary season. Cold winds have prevailed, and rains were invariably followed by lower temperature

In consequence of these conditions considerable losses have occurred in many apiaries since setting out, through starvation. Colonies with plenty of stores have built up strong and are full of brood, drones were flying in our home yard in the last days of April since then we have found queen cells started in some colonies.

A sharp lookout will require to be kept to guard against starvation in strong heavily brooded colonies in the interval between fruit-bloom and clover.

The directors of the Canadian Honey Exchange have decided to send a representative to the spring meeting of each County Association in the province to work up the organization and to discuss proposed

plans of management. We understand that it is not the purpose of the directors to incorporate at present but to arrange with some commission house or houses for the handling of the honey. Incorporation alone would cost upwards of \$200, after which there would be the cost of offices etc. and the salary of a permanent manager. It would be well if local associations would make the consideration and discussion of this subject one of the leading features of their meeting.

There has been considerable agitation in some districts for the appointment of district or county foul-brood inspectors. We had hoped that the subject would have been taken up and discussed fully and freely in our columns, as it is matter of public importance to bee-keepers and not merely to the few who are wrangling over it. Our columns are always open to honest views and criticisms, always reserving to ourselves, of course, the right to rule out bitter and unfriendly personalities.

There seems to be a good deal of contradiction abroad concerning the foul brood situation in the province. So far as legislation is concerned little can be done so long as bee-keepers are divided in their opinion, this has been an unfortunate feature of the past and it seems to continue—lack of unanimity, notwithstanding our advancement and enlightenment.

Now as to the local inspectorship while we would not advocate wholesale and unnecessary appointments it might be wisdom to have the

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