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The many friends of Mr. J. L. Byer will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

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Our readers will be pleased to learn that Miss Robson, of Ilderton, will, commencing with the March issue, conduct a Woman's Department in the C.B.J. Bee-keeping offers wide possibilities to women, and we have no doubt that Miss Robson may be able to point the way for many of her sisters to independence and competence. With the assistance of Miss Robson and Mr. White, our readers may look forward to a much improved journal during the coming year.

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The Inland Revenue Department has recently issued Bulletin No. 217, being a statement of the result of the examination of 148 samples of honey purchased in June and July of the year 1910. The collection represents all parts of the Dominion. On the whole the result of the analysis is very satisfactory, although it is shown that adulteration is still resorted to in a few cases. Out of the 148 samples examined, 122 were found genuine; 20 doubtful; 3 adulterated and 3 sold as compound.

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Before our next issue appears the month of March will have ushered in another glorious springtime. In the latter part of March when the bees begin to fly our interest begins to awaken. Many will desire to take a peep into the hives to see if all has gone well. If any should feel the necessity for this, let it be done on a fine day when the air is warm and cheerful. A brief examination to see how

the stores are holding out can do no harm. If any are found weak, mark same for feeding a little later on. If they should be found with ample stores, close up tight and let them alone till May. But if any should be found short of stores do not hesitate to feed. Syrup made of equal parts of sugar and water is the desirable feed for spring. The main thing after March 1st or 15th, is to force brood-rearing.

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And now a new danger threatens us! Bee-keepers with honey to sell will soon have the privilege of selling it freely where they wish, and the honey business is likely to be ruined as a consequence! Our friends of the National Bee-keepers' Association on the other side of the border are desperately eager to slaughter their honey on the Canadian market at any old price! And these are the men with whom we have been fraternizing and exchanging ideas as to the best methods of keeping bees with a view to the greatest production of honey! We are agreeable to have free trade in thought, plans and methods, but a free exchange of honey—no never! We cannot afford to sacrifice the glorious old British flag that has waved for a thousand years in the battle and the breeze for a pot of honey, however sweet or cheap. A restricted market of eight millions is lovely, but a market of one hundred millions—horrors! Alas! such is the philosophy of Protection. The next time we meet our old friends (enemies now?) Hirschiser, House, Clark, Aspinwall and others, at our Ontario Convention, we will have them immediately arrested and

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