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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bees have come out healthy and strong from winter quarters, the season has opened fine and they have been doing good work on the soft maples and willows. If the weather keeps right during fruit bloom, they will be in excellent condition when the clover opens.

Those who are disposed to contribute something to the relief of the famine in India should not forget that Sir Wilfred Laurier announced in Parliament the other day that Mr. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, is raising a relief fund, and that sums forwarded to him at Ottawa will be placed in responsible hands and used as promptly as possible.—Toronto Star.

In a private letter to the editor Mr. A. R. McRae of Bearbrook, giving his impressions of the cause and cure of spring robbing in the apiary, says that queenless colonies when set out are restless and discontent and their actions attract the stronger colonies to robbing. He believes that the best

thing to do with such is to unite them early as possible with the weaker colonies having queens, thus saving both.

The Publishers of the A. B. C. of Bee Culture informs us that the 1899 edition is just about exhausted and that a new edition is in course of preparation. It is being thoroughly revised again this year and a great deal of pains taken with the whole book. It will probably be September or later before the new copy will be complete, but orders may be entered at any time and the book will be sent as soon as ready.

We would tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. D. Chalmers, of Poole, in the death of his wife who passed away on April 11th, after a lingering illness of nearly four years. Mr. Chalmers is one of our leading Ontario Bee-keepers' and known to many of our readers. His dear wife will be sadly missed in his home and especially among her four children the eldest of which is scarcely eleven years.

Editor Root in Gleanings gives Mr. Bryon Walkers method of bleaching comb honey when pollen stained and how it was discovered. "Mr. Walker had placed in his show window a case of sections, the faces of which were stained yellow. When he came to get them a few days afterwards he found they had bleached out almost white and that portions of the sections shadowed by the case were of the same yellow tint, showing that the