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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Reports since our last issue only go to corroborate what has already been stated regarding winter losses. There has also been considerable spring dwindling, and many weak colonies have disappeared altogether since Spring opened. The stronger colonies, however, have built up splendidly within the last two or three weeks. The Spring has been late and vegetation slow, but this has been rather a fortunate circumstance for the bees; had it been rapid, clover would have been out and the bees would not have been in condition to take advantage of the flow; as it is, we believe there are reasonable prospects for a fair honey crop. Clover has been badly winter killed in some districts, but recent rains have improved matters immensely, with warmth now, there will be a fair show of white. Basswood is promising, if weather will be suitable.

The Executives of the Ontario Fruit Growers, Horticulturists' and Bee-Keepers' Associations, met in Toronto on Friday, May 6th, and

arranged for a joint Fruit, Flower and Honey Show to be held in the Granite Rink, Toronto, Nov. 8th to 12th inclusive. The annual convention of these associations will be held in connection, as was suggested by Prof. James at last annual meeting of the O.B.K.A. We have on hand a copy of the rules and the prize list from Secy. Couse which we hope to publish in our next issue, regret that it came too late for insertion in this number.

We would like to see the County Associations take an active interest in this Show so we would have County exhibits and County competition as well as individual; such, we think, would instil new aims and ambitions into County Associations, and would give a freshness to the Show, and prevent it falling into the hands of three or four exhibitors, as is the case in the industrial exhibitions. From a copy of the British Bee Journal, before us, we notice that these are the lines upon which such shows are conducted in England. At the great annual Dairy Show in London there are exhibits of honey from nearly every Shire or County, made up of individual entries,—“Berks ten entries Yorkshire nine entries,” etc., etc. We believe that it would be a great stimulus to our affiliated societies if something of this kind could be conducted here.

One of the things we need at the present moment is vigorous County Associations and a revival of these would mean advancement in every department of the industry