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Mr. Byer supplies us in this issue with excellent unsolicited testimony as the advertising qualities of the C. B. J. Queen breeders will please take notice.

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Switzerland is up to-date with a good law regarding the sale and importation of honey. See Mr. Haberer's notes. Canada and the U. S. could take pointers from this.

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Mr. Morley Pettit has kindly sent us his first examination paper submitted to first year students. The paper is an excellent one, and he is to be congratulated on the excellent results of the examination.

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We would like to draw special attention to Mr. Haberer's notes in this issue taken from the German bee journals. The item on the making of wax by the bees is very interesting and attacks some of our old-time beliefs.

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We are pleased to produce elsewhere in this issue a good discussion on the size and weight of honey pails. We are glad our remarks have brought out this discussion of the matter. We hope we will have some more opinions next month.

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We take the liberty of reproducing from Gleanings, Dr. Miller's experience with European foul brood. It is very important and valuable. We trust our readers will be able to learn something from his experience. The good doctor has had a hard time of it, but he is rendering great good to the bee-keeping industry.

We are indebted to Mr. R. B. Ross, jr., for a very able article in this issue. In our own experience we have found bees slow to use up capped stores for brood rearing as rapidly as they should. Our remedy for this has been uncapping, where sufficient stores were in the hive. This is particularly the case after the arrival of fine weather when the bees seek nectar outside. However, we will leave it to Mr. Adams and Professor Surface to settle the matter with Mr. Ross. We have ourselves always advocated two-to-one for winter feed.

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Mr. Holtermann called on us the other day and showed us a colored plate he received from Germany. It was as near like the original comb as the art of man could make it. We understand from Mr. Holtermann that the Ontario Agricultural department is about to order some of these prints. The C. B. J. will be glad to assist in their distribution if they are procured.

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Mr. Herchiser, of Buffalo, has promised us a valuable article on wax production, to appear soon. This month we are presenting to our readers Mr. Byer's paper on wax craft, as read by him at the late Ontario convention. The discussion following the paper will appear next month. We are enabled to do this by the kindness of Mr. Hodgetts, who has forwarded to us the stenographer's report of the proceedings. The wax end of the bee-keeping business is growing of more importance every year, and this is a good season of the year in which to study the problem. Mr. Byer's paper will be found a very valuable one.