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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We are pleased to learn of the safe return of Mr and Mrs R H Smith, of St Thomas, and Mr J Alpaugh, of Galt, from Jamaica. Have not yet heard of our friend, Mr. Arthur Laing. Mr. Smith will take up his usual department in the Journal next month.

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So far as we can learn from reports received bees are coming out in fairly good condition and with no serious losses. From our own yard would conclude that the consumption of stores has been greater than usual, spring opening so mild and brood-rearing going on so rapidly and extensively there may be "danger ahead" for colonies with limited stores. At any rate it would be well to look out for this.

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We would draw attention to Mr. Grainger's letter in this issue regarding the honey building at the Industrial Exhibition. To our mind none should be so competent to suggest what is required as the bee-keepers who have been exhibiting there for years. Pleased that there is a prospect of something going to be done for them. Mr. Grainger's idea of a "waiting-room" and general headquarters for bee-keeping visitors is an excellent one

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A new organization, to be known as "The Honey Producers' League," has recently been launched by a number of

the leaders of the industry in the United States. Its object to be as follows:

"To create a larger demand for honey by popularizing its use among the consuming public through advertising in newspapers and magazines its great value as a food, and by such other methods as may be considered advisable by the executive board, also by publication of facts concerning the production of honey to counteract any misrepresentation of the same."

Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich., is the secretary, and George W. York, Chicago, treasurer and general manager.

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The committee on freight rates appointed at the last meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association expect to meet with the railway commissioners at an early date, to discuss and adjust, if possible, the freight rates on honey and other commodities that are of special interest to bee-keepers. A letter from the committee appeared in our last issue, asking for comments and suggestions regarding the rates, etc., that might assist the committee in laying their claims before the commission. We find that bees, beeswax and honey are at present classified as follows:

	L.C.L.	C.L.
Bees in hives (O.R.)	3-1	3
Beeswax	1	..
Honey in glass packed in cases	1	4
Honey in cans, not boxed	1	4
Honey in cans, boxed or crated	2	4
Honey in kegs or barrels	2	4
Honey in comb, boxed (O.R.)	1	4
To a shipping point from here, say Winnipeg, the rates per cwt. at present are:		
First-class (all rail)	\$1.79	
Second-class " "	1.25	
Third-class " "	1.20	
Fourth-class " "	.87	
Fifth-class " "	.75	

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