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EDITORIAL NOTES.

March has maintained its reputation right up to the close. Bees are yet in their winter quarters, but reports say that they are not suffering and that there are fewer than usual dead bees on the cellar floors.

"The new Editor of the Canadian Bee Journal is Mr. W. J. Craig, under whose guidance from the issue before us the Journal will by no means lose its hold on the bee-keeping fraternity"—Australian Bee Bulletin. Thank you.

Mr. D. W. Heise writes us of the sudden death of his mother from heart failure on March 3rd, aged 73. Bro. Heise and family have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Death is a sad circumstance in the home, even when the full three score years and ten have been reached, which is the lot of the few.

Foul Brood, Pickled Brood, Black Brood, Inspector McEvoy speaks of yet another "Starved Brood," which perhaps is far more prevalent. We

think that we see a wonderful similarity between it and the Black Brood of New York State. Dr. Howard says of the latter: "It might be said speculatively that the disease had its origin in starvation and in some cases several putrefactive bacteria of similar biological character, which when once started and undisturbed becomes as destructive as the old fashioned foul brood."

It is a pity that the relationship between bee-keeper and fruit grower is not better understood, notwithstanding all that has been written and said upon the subject of pollination and cross fertilization. The untimely spraying of trees has been a source of much annoyance and loss to bee-keepers, and we believe that the time has come when something must be done to prevent its annual occurrence. We have a law but it wants to be known and in some cases carried out. We are pleased to learn that the matter has been taken hold of by the executive of the O. B. K. A. as indicated by a letter just received from Secretary Couse, which appears in this issue.

The following notice regarding the spraying of fruit trees was published in connection with the bulletin issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, March, 1899:—Do not spray trees when in full bloom—(1.) It is not the right time to spray. (2.) It may destroy insects that are then fertilizing the blossoms. (3.) It is destructive to the bees. (4.) It is