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We regret to report that Mr. Matthew Gardiner, of Millbrook, owing to age, giving up bee-keeping. We trust that he may long be spared to enjoy a ripe old age in his retirement.

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We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a very able paper on Bee diseases in Massachusetts, by Burton N. Gates, expert in apiculture, published by the U. S. Bureau of Entomology—Bulletin No. 75, part III.

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Rubberoid quilts! Have you used them? We have had no experience. Have any of our readers had a similar experience to that of Jacob Haberer? In another column he says the bees were working it up into their comb-building operations. Rubberoid wax! Something new under the sun at last!

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We would urge all our readers to fill and return promptly the enquiry cards sent out by the Department of Agriculture in reference to the honey crop of this year and the approximate amount for sale. This will enable the price committee to get together early and announce prices for the season. All bee-keepers should find it in their interests to do this.

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"A Beginner," in his Notes and Pick-ups, remarks upon the very few reports received in. His criticism is quite in order. There are far too few spring reports sent in. We believe if this practice were increased in to a much greater extent it would have good results. In the last two or five years very heavy winter losses have taken place. We believe that

at least 75 per cent. of these losses were preventable by proper fall management. More spring reports, with a few brief comments, would prove very educative and helpful. We will receive all reports thankfully.

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The Australian Bee Bulletin for May says (page 23) that "seventy per cent. of the Ontario bee-keepers are said to have perished in the past two years." Alas! According to this rate of compulsory retirement, there will be none left to read our bee wisdom in the C.B.J. Our contemporary does not say what they died of. Perhaps some got stung to death and others starved to death, or mayhap got froze to death; perhaps some died from indigestion as a result of eating wax without first melting it with hot air; perhaps others died as a result of the recent elections. We heard such dull thuds in North Brant, South Brant and North Norfolk that it was with great difficulty we survived the shock ourselves.

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Before going to press we have received further information from Mr. P. W. Hodgetts in reference to the appointment of fowl brood inspectors. He says: "The Minister of Agriculture has decided to send Mr. Homer Burk, of Highland Creek, to look over the apiaries in the eastern counties. He has instructions to spend considerable time there during the buckwheat flow, and to visit as many places as possible where apiaries are to be found. Two more inspectors have been appointed for the west. Middlesex and Elgin have been placed under the charge