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EDITORIAL.

Messrs. S. F. & I Trego of Swedona, Ill. have forwarded us their price-list of Italian Queen bees.

We are in receipt of Circular and Price-list from Messrs. J. Van Deusan & Sons who are well known as Foundation Makers. Address. Sprout Brook, Montgomery Co. N. Y.

We are in receipt of a nicely printed Volume entitled "The Busy Bee and How to Manage them" also Catalogue of Bee Supplies from Walter S. Powder. Indianapolis. Ind.

We very much regret to learn in a correspondence from Mrs. Jennie Atchley of Floyd, Texas, that she has been very ill during the last few weeks, we hope to hear of her speedy recovery. We are pleased to state, that she has more orders for queens than she is able to fill, a number of these coming from this side. Surely advertising in the C. B. J. pays.

In a correspondence from Mr. Gemmill, of Stratford, he informs us that the Perth Bee-keeper's Association will meet on the 28th of May instead of the 20th as previously mentioned in this JOURNAL. We trust that bee-keepers in that neighborhood will turn out *en masse* and exchange their views regarding their chosen pursuit. We hope the Secy. will forward us as early as possible a detailed account of the proceedings for publication in next JOURNAL.

We should like to devote a little space in each issue of the JOURNAL to the marketing of honey, giving it a pretty wide range. The manner in which honey is put up has something to do with its sale, now everyone should make preparation to have their honey put up in the nicest possible condition and we are fully convinced that if comb honey producers would test narrow sections and have some of them put up to sell by the piece, they would soon find out that it paid much better to sell by the piece than by the pound. If sections of comb honey can be retailed for 10 or 15 cents each, it will be seen that thousands of them sell where hundreds do not at twenty or twenty-five cents. A cheap retail package of comb honey is the coming package for our markets.

Examine Your Colonies.

IN Northern Ontario there has been few days since first of March, in which bees could fly and in some localities, they have not been able to gather pollen more than two or three days up to the 13th. of May. This is an extraordinary state of affairs and the absence of pollen in many hives, even when there was plenty of honey has retarded brood-rearing. Some may think, that as long as bees have plenty of honey, that they can carry on brood-rearing without pollen, such however is not the case and we were not a little surprised the other day upon examining a hive which had consumed all their pollen, to find that although it had large patches of capped and hatching brood (the colony being very strong), it had very little larvae or uncapped brood, brood-rearing had almost entirely stopped, and going to a hive that I observed with an unusual quantity of pollen, I took from it a comb containing a large quantity and placed it next to the brood in the brood chamber, although there has been no favorable weather since for bees to gather pollen I was gratified to notice that they had consumed a very large quantity of the pollen given them and that they had increased their brooding more rapidly than any other, hive in the whole Apiary. It was astonishing to see the amount of young larvae, and the food in the cells about it indicated that the whole colony had been devoting their