the justice may commit the offender to the common gaol, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

[Leading agricultural papers in Canada have recently with singular unanimity pointed out that it was desirable and in the best interests of the country, that the Hon. John Dryden, be retained as Minister of Agriculture of Ontario. Mr. Dryden has in this act alone done much for beekeepers, and we know that bee-keepers heartily endorse what has been said by other agricultural papers.—ED.]

A Question.

CATHCART, March 10th, 1898.

Mr. Holtermann:

DEAR SIR,—Will you please explain in the Bee Journal, how and when is the best time in the spring to double up bees. Yours truly.

CHAS. KELLY.

[In reply to your question would say, that I believe the best time in the spring of the year to double up bees would be just before the clover flow. Up to that time let them remain separate and build up as best they can. To unite colonies early, in my estimation leaves them not much better than if they had remained separate, and there is more or less danger of destroying the queen in uniting.—Ed.]

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