

'Southern Promenade' for the display of the Canadian honey is at last nearly ready, but no goods are yet unpacked. Some cases are in the shed, but not calculated to appetise the English desire to test their contents. These cases are so many *coffins*! (a loathsome and revolting idea), being sent over in this way to make a profit on the packing. We have heard before of goods being so packed, but to apply them to the transport of honey is simply disgusting." We have no idea what the article referred to can mean. Certainly the honey mentioned does not go over under the auspices of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, and as justice to Canadians we would ask our English contemporary to make public this statement. We may be wrong in so judging, and if we should be, we ask pardon, but it looks very like as though the correspondent to the *B. B. J.* was desirous of creating a prejudice against Canadians and Canadian honey. We hope to show our English friends that Canadian honey is equal to, if it does not surpass, any other honey in the world, and that we as Canucks can put up our honey in a way calculated to have an appetising effect on its admirers and on visitors generally.

In another place in this issue of the *JOURNAL* is an article from Mr. F. A. Gemmell, of Stratford, with reference to "Law on Bees" and in this connection possibly it may be interesting to read something of the English law on the same subject, as taken from the last *B. B. J.*: A cottager says: "A swarm from one of his hives went over the hedge into his neighbor's garden. His neighbor refuses him permission to follow or recover it. The next morning the swarm was found to be part dead and part dispersed by a thunder-storm during the night. I am under the impression that he could sue for damages. Have any of your readers any experience in the law on this matter?" The editor replies as follows:—"If the cottager sued his neighbor for damages, it is our opinion that he would not be able to recover. There are various conditions to be observed respecting the ownership of swarms. A swarm of bees flying from a person's hive would be considered his while he kept them in sight; if the owner lost sight of them then he could not claim them. If the bees swarm on another man's land, and were removed by the owner, the latter could not be proceeded against except for trespass. The owner of the bees might, however, be prevented from entering to take away his bees. This is the English law on bees founded on the Roman."

A Bill has been presented to the Australian

Legislature, and has passed its second reading, to exclude from Kangaroo Island, all other races of bees but the pure Italian. It has passed its second reading, and will likely become law. This island will be to Australians, what our islands in the Georgian Bay are to Americans. We hope the venture may prove a success.

The Honorable Lewis Wallbridge, now a Chief Justice in Manitoba is holidaying at Belleville, his old home. We wish him a pleasant time. He was President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association in 1881.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked of, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

SURPLUS FROM APPLE-BLOOM.

QUERY No. 94.—Have you ever obtained much surplus from apple bloom, and how? How does it compare in quality with clover honey?

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—No. Don't know.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Never secured apple honey to speak of.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—Have never obtained any to speak of.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I have not, and cannot, therefore, compare it.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.—Yes, with the extractor, and the honey is dark and bitter.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—I have not; but what I have got was inferior in color and flavor to clover honey.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—I let the bees keep all the apple bloom honey. It is not as good as clover.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—I have never obtained much, but some that compared favorably with quinine.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—No. From samples I have claimed to be apple bloom it is not up to clover honey by many points.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—No. I let the bees use it for brooding. It is not as good as clover, unless two or three years old.