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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We sympathise with friend J. L. Byer of Markham and family in their sorrow for the loss of their mother who passed away recently after a period of much suffering which she bore with Christian patience and resignation.

The California National Honey Producers Association issue a statement in the Rocky Mountain Bee Journal regarding the handling and marketing of the product of its members. It says; "Everything is offered to the members as a privilege that they can secure if they wish, and they are not under any obligation to deal with the Association unless they choose. Thus the Association offers to its membership all the advantages that it is able to secure at actual cost and asks in return that the members pay simply for what they get, and stand their proportioned amount of expense (as they share in all profits) this and a promise to not

sell for less than the Association prices, is, we think, not too much to ask of any man for what we can do in return."

This rather supports our idea regarding the Ontario Honey Exchange in our last issue.

The white honey harvest is well nigh over and so far as we have been able to ascertain the crop will be a good average. Quebec and Eastern Ontario suffered for lack of rain in the early part of the season, and, as a result, only a light crop has been secured. Western and Southern Ontario have had a good yield from clover. Basswood is doing fairly well at this date of writing, although the unsettled weather is rather against the bees working on it to the best advantage. We have not yet heard from the Western and Maritime Provinces. The quality of the honey this season is excellent, both in color and body. Many have mentioned the fact of the thickness making it unusually difficult to extract.

Some have feared a lowering of prices but we see no necessity for this if an effort is made on the part of the larger producers to distribute the product. Some have already sold at figures bordering on last year's prices. The general advance in other things should certainly have an influence in at least maintaining prices. Local markets are usually crowded by small producers at this season and the tendency is depressing. It is generally better to hold a little later.