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NOTES AND COMMENTS

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Foul Brood Legislation.

Whether all the recent amendments to the Foul Brood Act will be for the best interests of the bee-keepers or not remains to be seen. As long as the government see fit to pay for the inspection it seems quite reasonable that they should choose the inspectors. Yet at the same time, while I would feel free to allow any person recommended by the O. B. K. A. to have access to my bees, it would be with considerable misgivings that the same liberty would be given to persons appointed by the government, if I thought no practical bee-keepers had been consulted in regard to qualifications of said person or persons, and while it has been hinted that "political pull" is a possibility under the new law, from what I know of Mr. Montelth, think we may rest assured that no person will be sent on a road who is not thoroughly qualified for the work, and that no such person or persons will be appointed without the Minister of Agriculture having previously consulted with the executive of the O. B. K. A.

Cardboard Over Candy in Introducing Cages.

Quite a number of queen-breeders

are still shipping queens in cages with a piece of perforated cardboard over the candy in hole at end of cage. Have an idea that quite a number of queens are lost by the plan, as in every case I have left the cage in that manner the bees have refused to eat through the cardboard. Last fall I destroyed an old queen, and placed cage with young queen between two combs. As the colony in question was at an out-yard, I did not visit the apiary again till I came to pack for winter, early in November. The queen and attendants were all dead in the cage, and the cardboard was in exactly the same condition as when I placed cage in the hive. Of course, this is only one case, but at least four or five other times that I tried the plan the bees every time refused to eat through the cardboard. By the way, I might say that I rarely try to introduce queens any more in the cages they are shipped in, preferring to remove the queen, **alone**, into cages on hand for the purpose.

Something About Wax-rendering.

Just a short time ago, in conversation with a friend who is one of Ontario's most extensive bee-keepers, I stated that all the old combs I rendered averaged at least one-half pound each of wax. He seemed surprised at such a large return, intimating that he (no press being used) never obtained nearly so much. Having a number of odd-sized combs, bought a few years ago, that I wanted to dispose of, decided to melt