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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bee keepers cannot be too cautious about giving information regarding their honey crop to unauthorized individuals especially to dealers and commission men. We believe that some of these have been guilty of spreading the false alarm of large crops and low prices, and for no other reason than that they might be able to buy honey to meet certain contract prices. This condition of affairs surely calls for a guild, exchange or central agency of some kind that will protect the small producer and handle his crop to the best advantage. The large producer does not generally need anything of this sort.

An Algoma subscriber writes: "I see catnip and sweet clover are working wonders for Dr. Gandy, of Nebraska. I know something about catnip, bees are fond of it. But what about sweet clover, when does it bloom? There is plenty of waste land here to sow it on if it is any great use."

Yes, the Doctor seems to have great faith in his catnip and has shown it

by his wholesale showing. Editor Root, however, and some friends who recently visited the doctor do not seem to have discovered anything extraordinary. Mr. Root says, in a recent number of "Gleanings," "Taking it all in all I am inclined to the opinion that Dr. Gandy's large yields which he limits to his home yard are due more to large hives, the general excellence of this locality and to the natural bee pasturage that grows spontaneously, than to any artificial sowing of catnip, though there is no doubt that he gets some honey from it."

About sweet clover, would refer subscribers to the discussion on the subject at the meeting of the O. B. K. A. reported in the last C. B. J. and continued in this issue. It grows in southern Ontario without any great effort on the part of the bee-keepers along the railways, roadsides, river banks and other waste places. It is a biennial plant; does not generally bloom in the first year, but in the second it commences in July and continues until killed by frost.

We have just discovered that the unfortunate honey crop report referred to in our last issue did not come from the Department of Agriculture, but was a condensed affair got up by the associated press with the Department's name attached. The Deputy Minister, Mr. C. James, very kindly drew our attention to this and sent a copy of the Department bulletin, and we have written The Globe as follows:

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