

week of October. It
away, and the mercury
ah. in the shade four days

er man is very, naughty,
we have one thing at a
things are good. Our
beautiful, our winters are
ar people are thankful.

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in Bee-Keeper announce
death on Tuesday, March
in Tipper, editor and pro
Australian Bee Bulletin.

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es lately correspondents
an Italian queen is pun
drones that are black in
may not be the exact
t is what each inquirer
swer is 'yes.' This is
to the queens that
y and their descendants
opinion that the original
t. I have imported many
dy, and I think, without
7 queen produced black
e Italian bees originally
7, we must conclude that
be black in color. The
we are accustomed to
sport, and may be more
other yellow varieties
mining a queen for purity
notice of the color of the
ld look to him for sim
ad after satisfying myself
herself would judge every
he workers. I may have
drones from imported
ve now more color than
The tendency everywhere
get more color. Some
deery color, but the ten
duce the bee of the future
w on its body.—The Amer
er.

King Edward VII, peacemaker and Eng-
lish gentleman, is no more. King George
V reigns in his stead. His death has cast
a gloom, not alone over the British Em-
pire and its dominions beyond the seas,
but over the entire civilized world. His
life and work will add another illustrious
page to British history, and his memory
will long remain in the hearts of his loyal
and loving subjects. Requisite in pace.
Vive le Roy!

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Further correspondence with Mr. N. E.
France, and also with Mr. Hodgetts, re-
veals the fact that our statement last
month that one dollar was sufficient to
secure membership in the O.B.K.A.
and also the National, was in error. It
should have read one dollar and fifty
cents. This secures all the privileges
of both associations, together with all re-
ports, and the Canadian Bee Journal for
one year. Or fifty cents sent direct to
Mr. France will secure membership in
the National together with all its priv-
ileges.

CHALMERS' OBSERVATIONS.

Indexed Spongy Wax.

If I understand Mr. T. W. Cowan
right, Mr. Editor, in your April frontis-
piece, I would take him to say that
spongy wax is caused by using hard
water. It may be so, but I find it occurs
with either soft or hard water. My cis-
tern is bricked and cement plastered on
the bricks, seems to be perfectly water-
tight, and I do not suppose any evil
effects would come off the cement as it
is on now for some years, so I consider
the cause of spongy wax will have to be
traced to something else than using hard
water. It does not seem to be due to
overheating either (as I partly suspected)
for we can take say fifty pounds of wax
and put it in the steamer to re-render,
which will make eight or nine cakes, and
the strange thing about it is that we
always find that when there is any
sponginess it is found on the underside

of the first two or three cakes, never on
the wax which has been longest in the
steam. I would like to see the trouble
solved, but from my observations so far
cannot accept Mr. Cowan's solution which
theory we have also heard advanced at
the bee-keepers' conventions.

[We quoted that particular paragraph
because it was in complete agreement
with what Mr. Byer said at the last O.
B. K. A. convention. A number of per-
sons at that time disagreed with him; but
the same idea coming from Mr. Cowan,
and apparently endorsing Mr. Byer's
opinion, we thought it of some importance
as further light upon the subject.—Ed.]

Ventilation.

Mr. W. T. Davis in his "Points,"
page 109, April C.B.J., seems to resort
to upward ventilation with a view to
keeping his bees at work. I know that
Mr. Davis is a good bee-keeper, but must
differ with him (and many others) on this
mode of ventilating hives, for the simple
reason that supers parted and supported
so, will admit light as well as air and
thereby attract the field bees on their
exit and as well as being thus retarded
they will worry and abuse themselves
trying to get out. More than that, it
must upset the bees' system of carrying
on evaporation. If ventilation can be
given right through under the brood
chamber, over the bottom board, with the
back shaded so as not to admit light, I
believe it is just as efficacious in the way
of keeping the bees at work as upward
ventilation. I don't think any one can
prove that upward ventilation in summer
time is a necessity.

Apiarian Uniform.

Mr. J. W. Henderich in April C.B.J.,
page 112, describes me as being "easily
recognized" in the engraving "in apiarian
uniform which I recommend." There is
very little difference in my uniform from
that of others, only I recommend and
practice rolling the shirt sleeves up to the
elbows when at work amongst the bees.
By this the apiarist will not be stung