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We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Henry Kacer, of British Columbia, who reports that bees have wintered well. He states that they have there a provincial inspector who advocates the spraying of fruit trees in bloom. This is almost incredible. There must surely be some mistake. If it be true, he ought to be shown our Ontario law on the matter as soon as possible. We have sent Mr. Kacer a copy of the Act, and urged him to call the attention of the B. C. Agricultural Department to it.

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Apropos of the discussion on the Co-operative Selling of Honey, the following will not be out of place. It appears the British bee-keepers are in the same boat as the Canadians in this matter of fixing prices:

Owing to the success of the British Bee-keepers' Association in furthering the art of bee-keeping, and to the great help received from the bee journals and travelling experts, the last few years have seen a very great increase in the number of bee-keepers producing pure honey, for which they have to find a market. I would therefore ask: Why cannot the parent Association publish an official quotation early in the season in the Grocer and other trade papers, so that the trade buyer shall not fix the price to suit his own ideas. At present the modus operandi appears to be something like this: The middleman gets into touch with the owner of a large apiary, and having purchased the whole outfit at, say, 10s. per cwt. and 6s. 6d. per dozen for sections (glazed), the transaction is duly recorded in the Grocer, and this is trumpeted abroad as the "market price" for the season. The retailer gets about 1s. per section or 1-lb jar—a profit out of all proportion—and in your own advertise-

ment columns a company buys up and resells to the trade owing to this practice. Personally, I can sell all I get at a remunerative price, because I will not sell at less than people pay for dripping or margarine. The consumption of honey is enormous, as was shown recently by an illustrated advertisement for an emulsion, in which it was stated that forty tons of foreign honey was landed as "a portion" of the requirements of the manufacturers in question. Let the producer of the real native article stand out for a fair price, and then the buyer who wants an inordinate profit will have to be content with the glucose-doctored stuff for his "cheap line."—Bee-Keepers' Record.

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The Trade and Commerce Department of the Dominion Government has an enquiry from a Leeds firm (No. 760) in reference to samples and prices of honey from Canadian exporters, of honey suitable for manufacturing purposes. Also an enquiry (No. 795) for Canadian bee appliances used by bee-keepers. They ask for catalogues from Canadian manufacturers of goods suitable for this trade.

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As will be seen by our advertising columns, Mr. R. F. Holtermann and Mr. W. L. Bayless are rearing queens for sale. Both are experienced bee-keepers.

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The C.B.J. has to announce the pleasure of a call from Mr. F. R. Beuhne, of Tooborac, Victoria, Australia. Mr. Beuhne is a big bee-man when at home, occupying a semi-official position with the Victoria Government. His trip to America was partly on private business in connection with the sale of patent rights on a machine of his invention, which