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Messrs. Holtermann and Pickett were appointed a committee to secure an increased grant of \$200 for the Ontario Bee-Keeper's Association. No increase was placed in the estimates but the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, placed \$150 in the supplementary estimates, which passed the House. The association would have liked to receive the \$200 asked for, but when so many demands are made we should be thankful for the \$150. The association will make good use of the money, and must exercise economy in every department.

At the recent convention of Ontario Beekeepers Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson rather argues that as a country becomes settled and civilization advances bee-keeping is likely to become less profitable. Under those circumstances we would probably feel justified in expecting that in the long settled countries the number of hives of bees kept would be very small. Such is however, not the case. Germany has 1,910,000 hives; Spain 1,690,000 hives; Austria 1,550,000 hives; France 1,000,000; Holland 240,000; Russia 110,000; Denmark 90,000; Belgium 200,000; Greece 100,000. The value of the annual production of honey and wax is estimated at \$14,750,000. There undoubtedly is reasonable ground to believe that some districts have water advantages for the production of

honey when first entered by the settler, but as a rule the flowers in a state of nature are in time replaced by another growth artificial and natural. The increased skill of the bee-keeper of course overcomes some disadvantages. In Switzerland there are 2367 bee-keepers possessing between them 10,509 stocks; this makes an average of less than five colonies to each. Very few possess as many as thirty and in looking over a long list we find one having as many as 80 colonies. The bees will then be pretty well distributed, but imagine the number of colonies kept to the size of country. We find the number of square miles in each country as follows:

Country.	Square Miles.	Colonies per Sq. Miles.
Germany..	212,027	9.00
Spain.....	200,000	8.45
Austria....	115,903	13.37
France ..	950,000	4.65
Holland ...	240,000	13.09
Russia....	110,000	1.00
Denmark..	14,124	6.37
Belgium...	11,373	17.49
Greece ...	25,000	1.20
Ontario....		.74
Canada....	230,000	.06

These countries practically consume their own production of honey. Owing to their age they are a more scientific people, owing to the small amount of earning they have to be an economic people. Science and economy will teach people to consume honey. Very few of our Canadian people are aware of the value of honey as a food. Bee-keepers must exert themselves in this direction until it becomes the habit of the nation when the custom will perpetuate