

market in one district only, and finding ready sale, at three cents above the price of honey put up in any other form. He assures us it is highly satisfactory when the honey can be got in a hard, dry condition, and where the atmosphere is dry enough to prevent it going moist. He believes that "with the extreme coldness you have in Canada, the air ought to be very dry." "The package is not expensive, it is in a most convenient form for the trade, and being a small package it has a quick and ready sale. The housewives like it as it is taken right out of the paper, (which is at once destroyed), and the whole lot is used up in one or two meals. It is the handiest package that can be put up for table use." Here is a capital idea for our enterprising Canadian bee-keepers. How would it do to prepare such a package for the western trade? We believe it could be made to go even in Ontario. We have seen the barrel of granulated honey standing in the grocer's window with the barrel removed. The objection to this was that it was exposed to all kinds of dirt moving about in the atmosphere; but we believe the package idea is all right. It could be done up just as butter is now done up, with parchment wrappers, and in this way might in time become a good competitor of butter.

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Thomas Armour, in Australian Bee-Keeper: "When reading 'Gleanings' it seems so peculiar to us Australians to think that bees can be kept successfully in a country like the United States, where for a part of the year the ground is frozen and wrapped in snow. The Americans must be blessed with nice warm weather when it does come and probably they are not subject to wintry conditions coming on at any time of the year as we are in Australia. About four years ago when I kept bees at Waragul, I had the experience of shoveling snow away from the entrance to my hives, and this occurred in the swarming

season—the last week of October. It quickly melted away, and the mercury stood at 100° Fah. in the shade four days later."

[Your weather man is very naughty. Here in Canada we have one thing at a time, and both things are good. Our summers are beautiful, our winters are glorious, and our people are thankful.—Ed.]

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The Australian Bee-Keeper announces the death on Tuesday, March 1st, of Mr. Edwin Tipper, editor and proprietor of the Australian Bee Bulletin.

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"Several times lately correspondents have asked if an Italian queen is pure if she produces drones that are black in color. These may not be the exact words but that is what each inquirer meant. My answer is 'yes.' This is peculiar mostly to the queens that come from Italy and their descendants, and I am of the opinion that the original drone was black. I have imported many queens from Italy, and I think, without exception, every queen produced black drones. As the Italian bees originally came from Italy, we must conclude that drones should be black in color. The colored drones we are accustomed to are perhaps due to sport, and may be more to crosses with other yellow varieties of bees. When examining a queen for purity I would take no notice of the color of the drone, but would look to him for size and symmetry, and after satisfying myself as to the queen herself would judge everything else by the workers. I may here mention that drones from imported Italy queens have now more color than ten years ago. The tendency everywhere seems to be to get more color. Some bee-keepers can decry color, but the tendency is to produce the bee of the future with more yellow on its body.—The Australian Bee-keeper.

King Edward VII, peacemaker, is no more. He reigns in his stead. His reign is a gloom, not alone over the empire and its dominions beyond, but over the entire civilized life and work will add another page to British history, and will long remain in the hearts and loving subjects. Requisite: Vive le Roy!

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Further correspondence with France, and also with Mr. France, reveals the fact that our statement that one dollar was secure membership in the National, was incorrect. It should have read one dollar cents. This secures all the members of both associations, together with the Canadian Beekeepers' Association for one year. Or fifty cents secure membership in the National together with the Canadian Beekeepers' Association.

CHALMERS' OBSERVATIONS

Indexed Spongy Wax.

If I understand Mr. T. Wright, Mr. Editor, in your April piece, I would take him to mean that spongy wax is caused by water. It may be so, but I find that with either soft or hard water, when the brick is cemented, the bricks, seems to be perfect, and I do not suppose the effects would come off the cement now for some years, so the cause of spongy wax will be traced to something else than water. It does not seem to be overheating either (as I partly know) for we can take say fifty pounds and put it in the steamer tank which will make eight or nine times the strange thing about it. Always find that when the sponginess it is found on the