

marking the queens. He used bits of tin cut a certain shape for each year, with a tack driven through. These were placed on the front of the hives when the queen was clipped, the place on the hive indicating the quality of the queen, thus enabling the bee-keeper to tell at a glance whether the queen was clipped, her age, and if she ought to be superseded. Instead of the tin I used pieces of cardboard, which is easier cut and will last quite as long as it is needed. It is certainly a satisfaction.

The conductor of the W. D. rejoices to think that she has provided the text for such an able sermonette as Editor Hurley has given us on the subject of free trade. But is our editor a suffragette? He would seem to be for he readily subscribes to the statement that the arguments for free trade are "as incontrovertible as those for woman's suffrage." And he finds fault with the statement "that logic is not the dominant element in human affairs," surely he does not know very much about women! Then he tells us that if we are opposed to protection we must not compromise with it; yet is not this

#### THE COMING CONVENTION AND CO-OPERATION.

We are very glad to publish the following circular letter sent out to some of the leading bee-keepers in Ontario:

Dear Sir,—I hope I am not responsible for giving the co-operative movement in O.B.K.A. too heavy a douche of cold water by saying that it could **only** come by merging successful county organizations. While I still believe that to be true in reference to selling honey, I feel that a great deal could be done in the way of buying supplies by a Co-operative concern. When that is well started, who knows what selling honey might be done by the same concern. Don't you think this should be made a special feature

after all just what this reciprocity treaty which he is advocating is—a compromise with protection—negotiated by two governments, both committed to protection, for the sake of satisfying a rising popular demand? Also as an example of free trade he points us to the condition of the birds that chirp and sing above us, yet up to the present we hadn't noticed any signs of a well developed commerce among them.

#### Honey Cookies.

Here is a recipe which we have found extremely satisfactory for honey cookies, especially in the summer time when rolling cookies does seem such hard work, and yet they seem almost a necessity, for nothing is quite so satisfactory for a quick lunch as one or two cookies. One generous cup of shortening (we use beef dripping if we have it), two cups granulated sugar, three eggs, one cup honey, one cup raisins, quarter pound lemon peel, half nutmeg, two teaspoons vanilla, one teaspoon soda dissolved in quarter cup sour milk, flour enough to handle. Form in small balls with the hands, place in the pan and press down with a fork; bake thoroughly in a slow oven.

of the coming convention? For example, large quantities of Italian queens were bought by individual bee-keepers this year to prevent E.F.B. More will be needed next year, because nothing can stop its spreading over the whole province. These could certainly be bought more cheaply in quantity.

How would you advise having this handled at the convention?

Yours truly,  
MORLEY PETTIT.

Guelph, July 27, 1911.

The foregoing communication shows how thoroughly conversant is the Provincial Apiarist with the aims and objects of the co-operative movement. At first sight, the suggestion put forward by Mr. Pettit that bee-keepers should purchase

their supplies co-operate to some people startling in its origin, acquainted with the c are well aware that t its origin in the littl by co-operative societic in various parts of E land. That combinatio may economize by bu; or may increase their in common, has been too clearly by the great must not lose sight a fact that in its widest u is a **theory of life** which morality of the present tem and proposes that i voluntarily combine, ea sciously for the general body of which he forms in return the support "Each for all, and all accepted motto of the n a co-operative concern; hoping to see launched the near future will end conditions so as to bring formity with **equity, re common good**. The ta such a concern should be pishment, the more so t of the provincial Depart culture have shown be sympathetically disp the project. Mr. Pet ther the matter should special feature of the com Most emphatically, yes! "major questions of bee- is worthy of being given t our amongst the subjects at our apicultural Parliam We believe also with M if we are to prevent the European Foul Brood th tario we must have resort requeening with Italians. up a further field of discus Pettit states, queens may