

of them would be without a small library on the subject, and still fewer would neglect to subscribe to current periodicals. Special bee periodicals are published in New Zealand and Australia applicable to local conditions, but the ambitious beekeeper who would like to learn the experiences of older and abler craftsmen will find the American and the Old World journals exceedingly instructive. The value of good works on bee-culture is so great in comparison with their cost that the latter need hardly be taken into consideration.

SUGAR FOR FEEDING.

In view of a probable rise in the price of sugar, beekeepers would be wise to lay in a stock before the end of this month. Beekeepers, especially in the South Island, cannot afford to run the risk of a shortage of sugar at a time when their bees require artificial stores. There is no more important matter in beekeeping than spring feeding, as on it depends largely the success or failure of a future crop.

BEEKEEPERS' CONFERENCE.

A conference of beekeepers will be held in Wellington, commencing on 7th June, when important matters relating to the industry will be discussed. Beekeepers who can spare the time to attend will be well advised to do so, as it is only by meeting and discussing phases of development that a successful future for the industry can be assured.

THE FARM GARDEN.

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VEGETABLE-CULTURE.

No opportunity should be lost to improve the soil. Deep working of the soil is the only way to secure good crops all the year round. During winter deeply worked soil is required to increase warmth by lowering the water-table. In summer-time deeply worked soil holds moisture. At all times it increases the growth of plants by enabling them to make stronger roots. Roots deep down are less affected by adverse weather, whether it be extreme heat or cold, than are those near the surface. Deep trenching renders valuable many substances that would otherwise be wasted. Weeds of every description can be utilized if put deep down. Even dock-roots will rot if put down 2 ft. from the surface. Cabbage-stalks and all garden and house rubbish can be worked in, and will make otherwise poor soil rich. These matters should be seen to while the soil is easy to