

result will be satisfactory. I sold it net cash terms, the buyer paying landing charges, namely: dock and town dues, master portorage, which makes the price about 47s. 6d, no other lot having brought so much. The highest price paid so far this season is 46s. 6d. The buyers are very much pleased with the quality, but thought we were rather stiff in the price. They expressed their regret, however, that they are not able to get more. Should you be able to get any more of equal quality that you can ship at the price we would have no difficulty placing it. We hope there will be a large crop next season, and if quality is maintained you will have no difficulty in getting a price equal to the best on the market."

I do not think we can for a moment imagine we are always to get high prices for honey in the British market, because supply and demand no where more affects the market. This friend sent me samples of Chilian honey. He had made a sale of 300 barrels of this honey. As soon as I tasted it I found my honey does not come up against that class of honey at all, and he would have to sell it for half, and he did sell it for 23 shillings. On the other hand I have a sample of California honey, but I found that honey to be a superior honey to the Chilian, and it goes right up against first-class Canadian. Therefore, it will depend a good deal on what their crop is in California. I do not know so much about other foreign countries, but I know Chilian honey is an inferior article. Therefore, it is quite necessary to be posted on what the California market is before we can expect any great things. We will be governed by supply and demand in that matter. As far as having a corner on honey in Canada I think it

is necessary for some of the larger bee-keepers to find a new market, and let the smaller bee-keepers get the benefit of the local market, and also keep our local markets supplied all the time; and the prices will be better all around. In good seasons we must ship out our surplus.

The Question Drawer.

Opened by J. B. Hall, Woodstock.

Q. Does the meeting think it advisable to encourage the public to keep bees?

Mr. Hall: Yes—No. I would like to encourage all those that have natural tact to keep bees, and are in a locality where it would pay them to keep them, but to indiscriminately advise every one to keep bees for a living would be to do a great injury. We should be very cautious how we encourage people to keep bees. I may be a rather peculiar temperament; I think a bee-keeper, like a fiddler, is born. If a man can look after ten thousand little things and do everything right, and do them at the proper time and in the proper way, and is desirous of keeping bees, and is willing to live in a new country, encourage him.

Q. Is it advisable to give excluders between all supers when working for extracted honey?

Mr Hall: One word will answer that: Yes. Why? First, by having the queen excluder below you can work as fast as you choose during the extracting season or manipulate your supers and have no fear of killing your queens, it makes no difference if you kill a few hundred workers, because there is thousands coming on every day to take their place. You save fifty per cent of the time during extracting knowing your queen is not there, and there is no danger of killing her. The nature of the queen

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