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handed to any commission house or any other business firm to make use of. I don't know that I can offer anything to remedy the evil better than what we have before us or at least what we hope to have before us, that is the formation of a honey exchange which will come up afterwards and probably settle this difficulty definitely.

Mr. Sibbald: I am a bee-keeper and on the other hand I am a wholesaler and I know both sides of the question. What Mr. Craig said just now about never giving out a report to a dealer or that it was not the business of a dealer to ask for a report, I do not agree with. A dealer will not buy honey to any extent unless he has a good idea of the crop of the province, in fruit or honey or anything else, he is not going to invest his money in a chance game like that; he has first to get some information about the crop and then he will go ahead and buy. We all know as bee-keepers it is important that someone is ready to buy our honey when we are offering it for sale. If we go to the market and the buyers do not know anything about the crop they will not buy. What are we going to do? That will lower the price just as much as it will to give them the report and my practice has always been with dealers when I first commenced to sell my crop, to give him a fair idea as far as I knew what the honey crop and the situation was, and I always tried to get a price that I thought would be maintained by the crop. I don't think the dealer would get ahead of me in the price. If they told me there were big crops I would say, I know all about the crops better than you do. When I sell to a dealer, I want him to make a profit on the honey and I am sorry if he does not, I don't want to have everything myself. The difficulty is

I believe in part lies with bee-keepers who think they are saving money by remaining outside of this Association and by not subscribing to a bee journal. There is no doubt that we have had trouble and that the industry has suffered to some extent, at least, from unauthenticated reports in the public press, such as have been mentioned by our friend Byer in his paper. Over these of course we have no control. I believe that I am right in the statement that the reports sent out by the Associated press mentioned by our friend Byer came from the hands of manipulators. Toward the close of the season there were post cards received by the leading bee-keepers of Ontario, especially by members of the O. B. K. A. asking the amount of honey they had secured. Some of the people who received these cards were foolish enough to reply giving the probable amount of honey they had on hand. They had no business to reply to these cards. If the house that issued these cards wanted honey and wanted a quotation on honey the person to whom they addressed that card had a right to answer courteously and give them a quotation, but they had no right to give a statement of the amount of their honey crop. What do we do in case we reply fully to such queries? We leave ourselves at the mercy of these people and you put them in possession of the facts of the honey crop of the Province of Ontario from east to west. Now there are some who will say they have no right to give a statement of their honey crop to any one, that it is not the business of any other individual about themselves. That may be true, but in case our Association wants its members to report somewhat definitely the amount of honey produced I do not see where the wrong is; this is not for the public; it certainly would not be