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ingly after much discussion a committee consisting of Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Timbers and the writer, was appointed to meet with the Macdonald Company and carefully decide by means of tests with honey, the correct sizes that they shall make the different pails, both gross and net weight styles. A well known member who is much opposed evidently, to the gross weight size, remarked rather sarcastically as soon as the personnel of the committee was made known that "it was easy to see what the decision would be now, by the men on the committee." While there has been no meeting of the committee as yet, we feel that anybody under the circumstances as given will know that much, as there will be nothing done other than try and arrive at correct sizes for both styles of pails. If my friend who seemed so apprehensive of the work of the committee, thinks that we might try and dictate as to who is to use any particular size of pail, the writer for one, hastens to say that it would be one of the last things thought off, for personally we would be very candid and say that it is none of our business what style of pail he chooses to use. Surely he would accord to others the same latitude, when they cannot always see eye to eye with him?

So far we have said nothing as to the desirability of using one pail instead of another, and while it would be an advantage if all pails made for honey were made of a standard size, yet such a possibility is one of the future, and while the great majority of the five-pound pails now used are of the gross weight size, yet quite a lot of the other size are still turned out. This being the case the Macdonald people will certainly continue to make both sizes, and any work done by the committee will be with this thought in view. While both sides of this pail question can be backed up with good arguments, yet it is a fact that the gross weight size is gaining ground every year, particularly in the five-pound size. The

great majority of the best grocers now prefer this pail and will often ask for it in preference to the larger size, as I had some evidence this past season to prove this fact conclusively to my satisfaction. As the Editor points out, where a lot of retailing is done, it is quite an important matter, but with the man who wholesales almost all his crop not so much difference is made. Personally, every buyer knows that he is getting a pail that weighs five pounds, pail and all, and during the past five years I do not remember of having heard a single complaint.

This being the case, I freely admit that it would take a lot of resolutions from any association to make me go back to the old style of pail, and at the same time I hope to be charitable enough to not try and force my views on another who sees things different than I do in the matter.

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I was rather pleased to see in the last C. B. J., a few remarks about the ten-pound can, and an invitation to readers to give their opinions on the subject, as the question has exercised me a good deal.

When I first got the ten-pound cans, I tried to put ten pounds of honey into them. I did not succeed in this, though I did manage to make the gross weight considerably over ten pounds. When I took the first lot to a grocer, I mentioned the matter to him, and he assured me that all syrups and honeys were sold that way. I did not like it at the time, but now I am not so sure about it. In any case, I feel sure that a can, with a capacity of ten pounds, not quite filled would prove a failure. Though it is true that cans are not sold with their covers off, they have to come off before the honey is eaten and the purchaser would be very likely to think that he was being swindled and buy no more honey with that label. The question seems to be whether the purchaser thinks he is buying ten pounds of honey or a ten pound