

apiraries. In my limited experience as inspector, I have found that the most difficult thing to accomplish is to get farmers and others who keep bees as a side issue, to do "thorough" work in treating diseased colonies.

In one locality visited a large number of apiaries were badly diseased. A local bee-keeper, thoroughly competent in every way, was persuaded to undertake the curing of the various yards. Having a little time at his disposal, and being anxious to have the locality cleaned up so that he could again keep bees (his yard had been wiped out by foul brood) he treated all the diseased apiaries, and so effectually, that when I revisited the locality during buckwheat bloom, in some seventeen apiaries examined not a single cell of foul brood was found. I am satisfied that had the work been done by each individual bee-keeper, that there would have been a different tale to tell. In the majority of cases beekeepers are "willing" to do all in their power towards eradicating the disease, but through pressure of other work, very often small but necessary details of the treatment are neglected with the result that all the work is done for nothing.

DISTRIBUTION OF HONEY

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In our commercial history there are evidences of economical mistakes constantly coming before our observation.

To provide for at least a partial remedy for the evils and disadvantages that exist, and other conditions that are arising in our own pursuit, it is necessary that we as bee-keepers

take such steps as will put our business on an up-to-date commercial basis. Other industries are becoming more and more co-operative.

Co-operative buying and selling may eventually crowd the middleman to his proper position and the greatest good to the greatest number should and may yet prevail. The difference between the unjust buying price and the unjust selling price is the tax that producers of wealth are paying to those who become millionaires without rendering just services. The products of the earth and that of industry are being produced for the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many. In our own industry we have disagreeable features to overcome. We have the wily buyer who knows the market conditions. The producers of honey being so scattered over the Province cannot form an idea of the market values without information being given through reliable sources.

Without reliable information and the need of ready cash for his product, he is induced to sell at the buyers' mercy. The honey buyer buying honey in bulk puts it in retail packages according to his own ideas. He may adulterate or improperly liquefy or otherwise deteriorate its quality in proportion to the knowledge he has of the business. In evidence of this it has been my privilege to take a trip through our north-west country (about two months ago), and from my own observation I am of the opinion that the honey sent to that part of the country should be handled by the bee-keepers themselves or their representative. I found the product of 1906 well

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