

2 tons of honey, both section and extracted, hives, extractors, and other objects of interest to beekeepers. It was by far the largest and finest display ever made in the history of the Province, and reflects great credit upon the officers of the association, especially the Secretary, Mr. William Hugh, for it was largely due to his untiring efforts and enthusiasm that the pronounced success was due.

Any beekeeper desirous of joining the association should send \$1 to Mr. W. Hugh, 310 Beckley Avenue, Victoria.

During the past few years there has grown up south of the International Boundary the quite a business in selling bees in pound packages. Many of our beekeepers in 1916 endeavoured to repopulate their empty hives by investing in such packages, and fully 100 of them came under the notice of the writer. He found that fully 50 per cent. of those imported died on the journey. This was especially true where the trip took longer than three days. Some of the beekeepers in the Dry Belt, where the season was rather favourable, speak enthusiastically over the results of their venture, but in the Wet Belt the question of their success is rather problematical.

#### ORDERING SUPPLIES FOR 1917.

The demand for supplies in 1914 and 1915 simply swamped the dealers in the height of the swarming season, even though they had made preparations both times for increased business, but when the severity of the past winter developed they proceeded with great caution. It is as well that they did so, for the problem with most beekeepers was how best to populate their empty hives, and so the demand for new supplies was very small. At present the stock in hand is low; hence those who intend to make increase in 1917 will find it advisable to place their orders early to ensure their supplies being on hand not later than the end of April.

Very excellent hives are now being made in the Province. Any one desirous of learning the names of manufacturers, also of dealers in bee supplies, will be furnished them on application to the Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

#### BEE LITERATURE.

A.B.C. and X.Y.Z. of Bee Culture. By A. E. Root Co. Price \$1.50. (Published by W. Briggs, Toronto.)

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Bulletin No. 30 (2nd Edition). Guide to Bee-keeping.

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