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Towards the latter end of the convention a discussion arose about honey pails, and what they should hold. Some held that 10 pounds of honey was ten pounds gross—pail and all. A few others thought that a pail should hold 10 pounds net; that those who bought ten pounds of honey should get ten pounds. It was easily to see that these latter were in the minority. The writer was one of the minority, and suggested as a compromise that the pails be made big enough to hold ten pounds net. They would then be available for both purposes. Those who wished to give ten pounds net could do so, while those who wished to give only gross weight could put a little less in the pail. This was strongly objected to on the ground that it did not look well to have an empty space at the top of the pail. We were tempted to ask if pails were sold by their appearance with the top off—but we allowed the matter to pass, as it was a matter of indifference to us personally. There is much to be said for the dealer in honey who wishes to sell the gross weight of ten pounds, as it compensates him in some measure for the cost of the pail. Where a quantity of pails are bought it is certainly a very big item. A small dealer supplying a local market can easily get so much for his honey, plus the cost of the pail; but the large dealer must sell the whole as one item, at so much money, and if he is to get paid for his pail, it must be included as so much honey. Here you have the two sides of the case. It was finally left to a committee to decide what the pail should hold. It is pretty safe betting what the decision will be. There is one point here, however, that

might escape observation, that ought to be considered by the committee. The specific gravity of all honey is not the same. A pail intended for gross weight might fall short in weight if the honey was light and thin, as against a very heavy and solid honey. There ought to be a little allowed for come and go on this point. We would like to hear from some of our readers on this matter. Our only interest is the interest of the honey producer, but we cannot get ourselves away from the idea that ten pounds of honey ought to be ten pounds of **HONEY**.

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The Experimental Apiary, of which Mr. Pettit is the head, is about to be moved to the Guelph Agricultural College, and become part and parcel of that institution. This is as it should be. There is no reason why apiculture should not have reached the same place of importance at the college as poultry keeping and butter making. The start is being made very late, but it is never too late to get right. The professor in apiculture should be a necessary part of the college staff, as is any other professor there. Bee-keeping offers a career as inviting as poultry, and can often be combined with it. If Mr. Pettit is given his proper place at the college, he will have no time to go out hunting for foul brood.

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The flower show was very fine as usual, the apple display being exceptionally fine. It is a great pity, however, that there are not more bee-keepers who take advantage of this great opportunity to exhibit their honey. The exhibitors are far too few. Those who did exhibit, however, made a very creditable showing.