

honey there, I have written a little on that subject in the Canadian Bee Journal. The price that seemed general there was, I should say, on an average from two to two and a half cents a pound, and of course the package was furnished by the buyer, or if you furnish it he pays you for it. In extra cases of logwood honey you might get three cents a pound. Now, you can see that anyone in Jamaica must keep three or four times as many bees to make as much money as you do in Canada. They have to keep that many bees more and they have got to have a great many more hives; honey knives, smokers and help, etc., and that means a great lot of capital invested. So that from this standpoint it seems to me there is very little in Jamaica for a Canadian or United States bee-keeper. Some may say, well, that is on the island of Jamaica, but what about shipping honey out to the Old Country? I investigated that point. In the first place if you are shipping out you have got to buy your package, and I am pretty certain that you will not get anything for it at the other end of the line: if you ship on your own account, you have to pay the wharfage in Jamaica and the freight charges going over, and these are two very considerable items. Mr. Smith and I have had considerable experience with pork barrels down there; these seem to be the only things you can get at a reasonable figure. They will not allow you anything at the other end, so that naturally one takes the cheap article. The pork barrels do not add one iota to the quality. If it is an old barrel, there is the possibility that the sailors may have the privilege of walking around in a lot of your honey, and you will be the loser. I am just getting at the expense you will have to encounter in shipping to the old country. I have here a couple of letters that I received in correspondence with

some of the British buyers in reference to the Jamaica and Canadian honey, and they give some interesting items. I find the charges for-wharfage, freight, dock charges, interest on freight charges, customs duties, fire insurance, brokerage and selling expenses, and they count up to nearly one-third of the price. I cannot see how it pays the shippers to ship at such a price after paying all those charges, and no higher prices seem to have been realized for some years past. One thing about Jamaica honey is that it will not keep sound like other grades. It will go off in quality. This may account in some measure for some price results.

Some of them are not as particular as they might be with the care of honey. Immediately the logwood honey comes in they wish to extract every pound of it, and if they do so it is quite thin, and if they leave it it gets mixed with the dark honey, and it lowers the quality in that way, so that they have had to take the chances of the two evils. And then there are the old barrels, and by the time it arrives in the Old Country it is not likely very first-class. I have here with me three different samples of honey. It would have been better if there was a light behind them so you could see what they are like. This first sample is our own white clover honey, and the next was from Christ-hosey, and the next was from Christmas Bells, a very dark honey, and if you will notice you will see there is a great difference in them, so that they are not to be compared with our white clover honey. The dark honey sells at sixteen shillings, and as a shilling is twenty-four cents, you can see it amounts to \$3.75 to \$3.80. So that when you take one-third out of it they are not going to realize very much more than they did in Jamaica. That reduces the price down to two and three-quarter cents. Then, as I said,

honey on the that the price than it is in J that is a poin tensively in th on March 30 a dark honey w a month after other claims th pay much att extracted from average of 25 two and a half That is exactl them to let me honey they sec far I have no Smith how mu taken, and he it was not too for yourself on Mr. Smith—I no honey taken As far as the d I do not think off.

The President can visitors her huson, we will tomorrow, and I like to hear fr Buffalo.

Mr. Hershiser pleasure to me t all times, to m keepers in their ten to the rem made and the displayed. I a when I come to the average abi bee-keepers is f not bee-keepers i There has been do not think I There was one reported this n comb honey from increased to abou a very excellent