

for newspaper items, correspondence, or any of their transactions, and hope to go to Barrie unprotected and enjoy as heretofore, the fraternal friendship and good fellowship of all bee-fellows.

I feel like attacking a moral to the above for bee-keepers: It is unnecessary and unwise to state definitely how much honey you have when replying to enquiries from dealers; simply quote prices and if accepted, don't send more than you have.

W. G. SIBBALD.

Claude, Ont., Aug. 28th, 1902.

EDITOR C. B. J.:

Having received a request from a party engaged in selling honey asking a report as to the honey crop, and, which answered would give said party an excellent insight into what the best bee-keepers are likely to have done in the direction of securing a good honey crop, permit me a little space in the C.B.J. Such questions are unanswered by me; the condition of my material welfare is not necessarily their business. I do not find any other class of agriculturists revealing their private matters to the public. Moreover when reports are secured from the best men and all the rest gauged by that report it is only misleading. Some men have had a reasonable, not great, return for their labors with bees, but I know of many who have not secured a pound of liquid honey this season. R. F. HOLTERMAN.

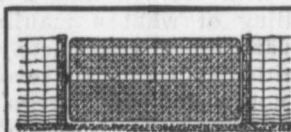
Bow Park, Brantford, Aug. 22, 1902.

DEAR C. B. J.:

The Toronto press reports of Aug. 13th say that "in nearly every section of Ontario the present season has been one of the best in many years for honey" and that present prospects pointed to "much lower prices than for several seasons."

August issue C. B. J. says:—"The season has been a very disappointing one. We have endeavored to obtain faithful reports from directors..... and so far as we can ascertain throughout throughout the Province of Ontario.....there has been about a good half crop of clover honey, basswood was a complete failure. Comb will be scarce and poorly filled. About prices, we see no reason why they should be lower than last season."

Now, Mr. Editor, one of two things is evident: Either the "faithful reports" from directors of O.B.K.A. are all wrong and misleading, or the Toronto reports are astray, and the question is, which would be most likely to be correct. This, however, would not be a question with the public. The dealers and the consumers would only observe the reports in the public press, which are certainly misleading, at least so far as District No. 3* is concerned. The crop is a short one, and this conclusion has been reached by correspondence with prominent bee men in different places in the district. Only one sale of any considerable importance has been reported to me, viz.: The total output of a large apiary, numbering



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