

tion honey have. Friend Chryler, of Chatham gave me to understand that around there at least it could not be handled satisfactorily. Shippers of extracted honey should be very careful and keep each grade by itself. I do not refer particularly to clover and basswood but when dark honey of any description gets along with either or both of these it is going to give dissatisfaction. It may be ever so little, but a little dark stuff goes a long way sometimes, and when retail buyers in remitting deduct a cent or two a lb. because not up to standard, one feels like as Hutchison says "keep more bees" and then buy less honey. I hardly need to say that buyers like good weight but what will you say to nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. short on each of 300 ten pound pails, unfortunately I was late in discovering this. We like to be charitable but hardly think this accidental. I would have thought it might have been the fault of the scales, if party had been ready to make good the deficiency.

I hope it is not too late to caution extracted honey producers against extracting before the honey is ripe. One buyer wrote me saying "How did that honey turn out that you bought from Mr. R., as some he said was too thin to keep? He wrote me after, that he was glad to get rid of it at a loss. It has been said that those who put unripe honey on the market are as bad as others who adulterate, and so they are. Away with all those who extract and sell unripe honey. Nothing will discourage the consumption of honey as will eating this unripe stuff.

And now Mr. Editor I have a proposition to make. It has occurred to me that the larger number of your readers are too busy during July to give much attention to what the journals

contain, and that it would be as well for all, and better for some, if ye editors and associate editors took a vacation during this month and have it understood there would be no issue of your journals in July. This would, I am sure, be an immense relief to you and enable you to get out amongst the bees, enjoy the rest and change, or visit your brother bee-keepers. The editors of our local papers who publish weeklies have adopted this plan for some years back and nobody objects that I am aware of. Our minister has a six weeks' holiday each year and we not only rejoice in the thought that he enjoys and is benefitted by it but we feel that he does better work when he returns and so we are the gainers after all. Now would it not be the same with ye editors and your subscribers if you took a month off. I for one will boycott any journal that will refuse, if two or three of you will agree on this, I don't know how it is with the majority of your readers but hitherto I have found very little time for reading bee journals in July, unless on Sundays. Apart from the right or wrong of reading them on that day we believe it is best to have our thoughts run along other channels, at least one day in seven, and we find it difficult enough to keep our mind away from bees and all that pertains to them as a means of livelihood without any encouragement in the line of reading. By the way though it looks as if most of us will have more time for reading this season than desirable unless the weather changes. Too much rain, but perhaps not too much if it would only turn warmer after but so far almost if not always followed by cold with high winds. Artificial heat in the middle of June is rather unusual and of course no surplus as a consequence so far, and very little in the hives."