

According to this, the freight on honey in 60-lb. cans, crated, or in kegs or barrels, when "less than carload," would be \$1.52 per cwt.,—over $1\frac{1}{2}$ c a pound on the price of the honey when laid down in Winnipeg. Comparing the classification with that of other commodities bearing a similar risk, we find

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Syrup in pails, kegs or barrels

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Syrup in tins, not boxed	2	4
Syrup, in tins, boxed	3	5

While there is, of course, some difference in the value of the two commodities there is no more risk in handling liquid honey in barrels or tins than corn syrup put up that way, and certainly much less when the honey is granulated. Beeswax is listed first-class, while paraffine wax is placed third-class in less than carload, and fifth-class in carload.

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We note that the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, in his reply to a deputation which waited upon him at Ottawa recently, declared himself in favor of placing express rates under the control of the railway commission as well as the freight rates. It is quite probable that the government had previously considered this matter and that we may look for it being put into effect before the close of the session. Beekeepers should be prepared to take advantage of it.

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REPORTS ON WINTERING

Bees were taken out of winter quarters March 31, April 2 and 3. Three hundred and forty-nine of our own, and three hundred and four others. We lost six, and several more are no good, and were no good, in the Fall. Of the balance four perished, also no good when put in. Bees wintered well and clover looks well. J. H. Shaver lost none, Chris Edmondson lost about three per cent.

R. F. HOLTERMANN.

Brantford, Ont.

Some have lost quite heavily of those wintered outdoors; others have wintered without much loss. So far as my own is concerned, out of 95 colonies packed outdoors have lost none up to this date (March 30), and most of them seem to fly strong and healthy.

JACOB ALPAUGH.

Galt, Ont.

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Just arrived home from Jamaica this morning. The bees had been taken out of the cellar, with four colonies dead out of 100. Of those wintered outside at the out-yards there were seven dead out 150. I have not received many reports from the surrounding country, but as far as I have heard, they are favorable.

R. H. SMITH.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 29.

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Pleased to learn that bees have come through well in your vicinity. The same conditions exist here so far as I have been able to learn. My own are flying strong, but I have not opened a hive as yet to know condition of stores. We are having July weather; temperature 62 degrees at dark this evening.

F. J. MILLER.

London, Ont., March 29.

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Our bees, wintered outdoors, have come through in good condition. Very few dead, and the others strong and seem none the worse for their long confinement. From what I can learn from other bee-keepers in this locality, up to this date, the winter has been a favorable one for the bees.

DENIS NOLAN,

Newton Robinson, Ont., March 29.

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A Report From Ireland.

The winter so far being unusually mild vegetation is at least a month in advance. Stock are coming out in splendid order, but will want some looking after, as breeding has been well begun, in some few cases they have quite filled up the vacancy with comb after having the candy eaten.

W. MORONEY,

Co. Roscommon, Ireland.