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Last month just at the moment of going to press, I received news which I felt justified me in announcing a comb foundation with that comb was being made with deep cells.

It was not produced in any way to make it at all sure that an article of so great a value could ever be sold at a price to be of practical value to bee-keepers. I did not think any one would doubt its utility. Comb foundation has been a study to me for years. I believe I was the first to publicly and extensively experiment with comb foundation, and the work was undertaken when I was head of the apiarian committee of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union. Let us look at the use of fish bone in honey. Comb foundations made at the present time, may have generally has too much wax in the base always has a great deal more than it usually has in the side wall. Why is this? Because we have not had the appliances by means of which we could put it in *depth* and a certain strength was required to the sheet, and to get it we had to put it in the base, or a little better the thickness of the side wall. Next let us examine the way in which the bees utilize the foundation. I have seen the base untouched and thinned to the weight of the natural. I have seen the sidewall utilized to a greater extent, but I have yet to see the example in which the wax in the side wall close to the base is touched. There is to be something there which cannot be manipulated. When I have argued that they want

plenty of wax in section foundation, I have taken this ground and I think tests and reason will bear me out. Picture to yourself, or next summer examine comb foundation when the bees are working it out, and they have a flattened surface upon which to rest when working out the comb foundation. You will see that not many bees can work at the foundation, their bodies cover a very large portion of comb compared with the amount of comb their mandibles can at the same time grasp and work out. If the honey flow is light, or the swarm weak there is no hurry and the bees can take their time, and thinning out is done fairly well with the exception of the base of the side wall. But when there is a rush, a strong swarm and a heavy honey flow, the bees storing, crowd the comb builders and instead of the gatherers remaining idle, the comb builders build in the quickest way, they leave the base untouched, the side wall largely untouched, and they add wax of their own secretion and deepen the cell. I therefore say, and have said, we must provide for the most unfavorable conditions for thinning out base and side wall, as when foundation is put in we rarely know under what condition it will be drawn out. I know there are a few good bee-keepers who put rather heavy foundation in sections, but let them allow me to test their section honey after it is finished, and, if the result is not as stated in the above, I will pay five times market value for every section I try. Fish bone as generally known, comes from originally heavy base or side wall of