

a time and I have yet to find section broken down; but they have sent to me again and again for other lots and said nothing to me about it, therefore, I have taken it for granted that they were satisfied on receipt of it. In shipping comb-honey I put a paper dish in the bottom of every crate. I also put in stripes of wood to set the corners of sections on, which forms a spring and if one of them should be broken down, there is room for the honey or section, and these sections come out clean. There is nothing to stick to. If you want it to go from here to British Columbia you may ship in single crates, packed in crates, as I told you, or you put it in packing cases holding 200 pounds, with two handles so that two men can pick it up and carry it along. Either of these conditions will take comb-honey to England. It has gone in that way and fetches 60 c a pound, when it gets there and I am glad it did for the buyer only paid me 30 c. You may shunt your cars from now to the end of the year and it will not effect it; but it is dropping the crates 6 inches on floor that does the damage. If you put in 200 pound cases, one man cannot pick it up, he will have to drop it, or there will have to be two fellows pick it up. I will tell you how I came to use foundation, I thought these men knew I followed there example and put it in bigger piece, and I found they were getting it much faster with the bigger piece and then I filled it one-half full and then I filled it full.

At this time I was taking it in two pound sections. I would get 150 pounds or 200 or 300 pounds in a hive. People said, "how do you get so much?" and I said "we are making the bees work." I did not tell them about the foundation.

Mr. McKnight—I am surprised that Mr. Smith found so little Ontario honey in Manitoba, in that condition nearly all the comb honey I produce go to Manitoba, and a good deal further west than Manitoba, and like you sir, I have never yet had the first complaint of breakage or anything in that way. My system of packing is very simple and inexpensive. I will tell you how to pack it. I prefer having section cases that hold a dozen sections, they are pretty thick in the end. I would not use thin crates for this purpose at all, the end of my honey crates are seven eights of an inch in thickness, with a hand hold. I have my honey done up in sections, three of them, one on top of the other, and I put rows of ordinary laths on the face and edge and run around through each end, and one behind, then the face is glass. And I put along the face two laths diagonally, across the glass. I used to fasten these together by

screw nails, now I use ordinary wire nails. I have shipped all the comb honey I have produced, and I have still to learn of a single section that has broken. They lift the three together and they see what they are handling, and it is perfectly safe.

A member—Do you raise the sections from the bottom?

M. McKnight—Yes, I just use a thick piece of manilla paper. I quite agree with Mr Pringle that if you want a first-class article of honey, the less foundation you use the better. Anybody that takes honey with fish-bone in it and honey with the natural comb, they very soon discover how quickly one dissolves in the mouth and the other does not. I have always wondered why comb-honey was preferred to extracted honey. I have always wondered why it is that people prefer to pay 50 per cent. more for chewing this wax.

Mr John Newton—I would like to say that I have shipped several times to Winnipeg, and I have shipped in the same way as Mr. Hall. I do not agree altogether with Mr McKnight, although I have shipped honey in the same way as he has. In most cases you will find that the cases are soiled, and I think it best, for all the difference, to re-crate them in larger crates. I think they are cleaner and more fit to be seen when they are set up in the stores.

Mr. Pringle—Never put a section in for shipping, where it is not filled up all round. Be sure and put the handles on the boxes. Pack your comb-honey so that no matter which way the boxes turn, the section will not give. They will be close together, and pack them around with something that will make them tight. These are the essential points in shipping comb honey.

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