

should not sell it to inexperienced people, who do not understand the different qualities. We should put inferior honey up in barrels and sell it to manufacturers.

G. A. Deadman (Brussels)—I think the report is intended for the bee-keepers only. I have found that it makes it more difficult to buy honey. Last year I bought honey cheaper in winter time, than I could in the fall. It would be well for the committee to act with caution, because, if the price is too high, the bee-keeper holds it, and then if he finds that he cannot get the price he will not be satisfied.

John Newton (Thamesford)—I am not in favor of keeping the price to bee-keepers in general. I was very much taken up with the article that appeared in The Globe after the report of the exchange. Several of the business men speaking to me, seemed to be ready to buy and to take in the situation at once. They were convinced that there was not much honey in the market and they were willing to take the honey at the bee-keepers' price.

The Chairman—I will call upon Mr. Couse to explain the matter for the committee.

Mr. Couse (Streetsville)—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—The longer I have been on this committee the more confidence I have in it. The price set may be a cent or half a cent either way, but the committee are generally correct. Mr. Newton has just spoken with reference to the report in the papers. Mr. Craig and myself went to the offices. We said, we are here for no purpose but what is right. We showed them the reports we got from all over the province, and we did not want to hide that from anybody. We wanted to give it to the people, and we gave it to The Globe and The Mail and Empire, and that report went out, and it was correct, and the bee-keepers have received the price that the committee suggested.

We do not bind anybody to keep their honey; we felt that this price ought to be obtained; this is not a combine, but it is a proper thing to do. A seed firm in Chicago have a man who goes all over the country to get crop returns, and we have a perfect right to do the same kind of thing. When we get a report from the bee-men we know fairly well the kind of honey that is in the province. I think the work of the committee has been very beneficial all the way through. (Hear, hear.) We do not pretend to be perfect.

Mr. McEvoy—The price is partly fixed by the outside world. They can lay down honey from Jamaica for 7½c. I would like to know where this comes from, or what it is, because I know that the logwood honey from Jamaica was a failure. They have it in Hamilton.

Mr. Holtermann—It is no good.

Mr. McEvoy—Yes, it is good.

Mr. R. H. Smith—It is not last year's crop?

Mr. McEvoy—I do not know that it is there now.

Mr. Couse—Buckwheat honey is better than that.

Mr. Holtermann—Mr. McEvoy is perfectly right, you will get logwood honey for that price, but I am not afraid of it in competition with our Canadian honey at considerably less than the Canadian price.

Mrs. Scott—I was going to suggest that this Jamaica honey was not worth more than 6c, and if you buy it at 7½c it does not effect our good honey; honey sells upon its merits. I think we should send this report to bee-keepers outside our association. These are the men that generally break the market down.

Mr. Grosjean—The demand generally rules the price. The honey exchange is not doing any more than trying to find what the produce of the country

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