

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS....

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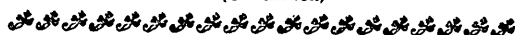
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By Dr. A. B. Mason, Secretary.

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He said that this firm has done a good deal towards building up prices; but I fear they have done a great deal toward adulterating the product. Thus, to show you what may be done by the use of glucose, any group may be made to seem like the pure article.

Mr. McIntosh, a business man of Omaha, Neb.—I am a consumer of honey, not a producer. I never ate any adulterated honey. We always use comb honey. I don't think that is adulterated. I would not buy extracted honey no more than oleo. We don't expect to get it pure. How do we know that commission dealers are the only ones who adulterate it? The producer gets only 8 or 10 cents a pound for his honey, while we pay 20 cents for it. It is a luxury. We don't want to pay 100 per cent more than the producer gets for it. Don't produce extracted honey.

Mr. Westcott—The other day I was talking to a man about selling comb honey to him. He said: "Comb honey is adulterated. They will even uncap it and pour glucose into it. They feed bees on glucose, and they carry it in. We have just as much in comb as in any other form."

Dr. Mason—It is a very nice thing to have consumers attend our conventions, so that we can educate them, for when a man makes the statement that he never expects to get pure extracted honey he needs to be educated. If everybody was like Mr. McIntosh, some of us would have to go out of the business; nobody would buy extracted honey, and some of us don't know how to produce comb honey. Mr. McIntosh, buy your honey right from the producer. Find a man that you know is straight and true, and buy it of him every time. [Applause] We are always preaching up the home market. It is the best market in the world. I am getting 112 pounds from each of 30 colonies every summer.

A Member—What do you get for your honey?

Dr. Mason—I sell only extracted honey. I get 15 cents per single pound, and 11½ cents per pound by the gallon; never anything less. They are glad to get it. They know it is pure. I have educated them. Don't you be going around the country preaching that extracted honey isn't pure any more!

Mr. Aikin—If clover and alfalfa honey are put together—is that adulteration? We had some at the hotel; I am sure it was clover with a tinge of alfalfa. It makes it better; gives a flavor just fine. Consumers very often want something that has a fine, nice flavor. Fake that which has a fine flavor and mix it with something stronger and sell it that way. I said that a certain firm would mix a whole lot of alfalfa and a little white clover and sell it for pure white clover. If they misrepresent in that, would they not also use glucose?

Mr. Abbott—What would anybody mix the two for?

Mr. Aikin—They have customers who demand white clover honey.

Mr. York—I was very sorry to hear from Omaha, that they don't get pure honey. With all the adulteration in Chicago, we expect to get pure honey. Mr. Walker, of Michigan, furnished 50,000 pounds of extracted honey to some 5,000 grocers in and around Chicago, last winter, and that was pure honey. In the last few weeks I have also been bottling honey, and it is pure honey. The people want to buy pure honey, but many of the grocers say the people want the adulterated, in order to get something cheap. They want it for 10 cents per pound. I believe there are two kinds of glucose—the refined and commercial. There is not the least taste to refined glu-