

from the absence of it in the stores and the dry weather for sometime I conclude that returns this year must be much less than last, if so, it will be in sympathy with the wheat yield which runs about 15 bushels to the acre, and a poor grade at that, a heavy snow storm reduced it very much. It is too soon to predict what honey will be wholesale in Winnipeg—some buyers are waiting for lower quotations. I have no doubt that there will be plenty to supply the demand as many bee-keepers have the idea that Winnipeg is the place to sell honey. It is a mistake to send it there without having orders in advance; in fact this applies to other things besides honey. Recently someone was so unwise as to bring a carload of Damson plums; the express, I am told, was \$425; they were of course sold at a sacrifice. This party will never repeat it, but others, no doubt will in something as bad. Another shipped 9000 lbs. of honey to Brandon, Man; his intention was to store it, go up the line and take orders and have it trans-shipped; in some towns he will not sell any, in others may be from 100 to 400 lbs. Calculate how long it will take and how many places he will require to call at - may be he will try and reach some consumers direct; in doing so he will be subject to a fine or pay a license. His task is certainly not an enviable one. I have seen some 1902 comb honey in the stores, all of it candeed solid and unsaleable and was none too well filled. The demand for No. 1 fancy is in excess of the supply.

In order to be in perfect health one must be temperate in eating. The meals also should be regular. Regularity is one of the golden rules of a well-ordered life. — Ladies Home Journal.

### Clipping Queens' Wings.

"Say, Doolittle, what about clipping queens? Neighbor Brown says he doesn't believe in it. He says that it is too much bother to hunt up the queen and that it is too delicate a job to clip her wings when she is found and that there is more harm than good in doing it anyway. So I came over to see what you would say."

"While there may be a grain of truth in what your neighbor tells you, yet when we come to "count noses" the greatest weight of evidence from the "dollar-and-cent" apiarists of the country is in favor of clipping queens' wings."

"What reasons have you to offer for so doing?"

"By having the wings of all queens clipped, you have the bees perfectly under your control and can handle them as you wish, separating them with pleasure when two or more swarms cluster together and hive without climbing trees, etc., on the returning plan, when they come singly, they virtually hiving themselves."

"What is that? Tell me something about the plan."

"In using this plan all you have to do when the swarm issues is to step to the entrance of the hive with a little wire-cloth cage into which the queen is let run, when the cage is stopped and laid in some convenient place. The old hive is now moved to a new stand and a hive fitted for a new colony set in its place. In from a few minutes to half an hour the bees miss their queen and come back to their supposed old home, where they expect to find her and the hive as it was when they went out. On changing hives the queen is placed near the entrance, so that, as soon as the bees return, they may find her, and not