

that time we have noticed the same thought from other sources. The trouble is, it is pleasant to have everything nice; no fault found; no pointing out of defect or error, no reforms, no advancement can be made by praising and never condemning. It is pleasant to see that the number of independent thinkers is on the increase. We want independent men who will support an honest effort to set matters right and give their support to such, even when matters are not moving just to suit them. A man who withdraws his support the moment his wishes are crossed does not encourage independence.

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At this date of writing July 21st, the honey crop in Ontario, Quebec and east has been good. Clover

**The Honey Crop.** yielded exceptionally well, the basswood

flow has been light, what buckwheat may bring forth we do not know. As to the price of honey, not much was left from last season and times are comfortably good. As far as I can understand the apple crop is light. In one section where fruit growers are best posted, I understand buyers are paying \$2 a barrel, in other sections they are contracting for \$1 per barrel. What effect if any this will have bee-keepers must judge. I believe the less fruit there is, the more honey is likely to be used. The editor of the Canadian Bee Journal has some thoughts of going to Europe with a shipment of honey, only choice clover honey will be taken and his plan at present is to allow no one to send less than 500 lbs. or more than 1000 lbs. and take perhaps 10,000 to 25,000 lbs., he to be allowed \$150 personal expenses assessed equally on the entire shipment and only allowed balance of his personal expenses and reasonable payment for services out of half of what is realized out of the honey over and above lowest Canadian prices. Of course I may not be able to find time to go or may not see fit to go on the above terms, but if any feel inclined to send a shipment on the above terms, let them

write at once. The shipment sent last year has not been a success, but we believe that if someone used to doing business went over with the honey, a success could be made of the shipment. However, as to this the sender must run the risk as to price secured.

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In the past, during the fall of the year, and even during the winter, many bee-keepers have been unable to sell their bees wax. With the large and growing business of the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co. Limited, Brantford, they have decided to take wax at all times paying either cash or trade. This information will please those who want to realize quickly upon this product of the apiary.

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Ever since the St. Joseph Convention of the International Bee-Keepers' Association, I have been **Larvae taken for thinking of the Queen Cells.** discussion which there took place in regard to the age of brood taken by the bees to rear queens, when the colony has by accident, or otherwise been made queenless. Some argue or maintain that the bees will take brood of the proper age and convert the cell about them into queen cell and treat the larvae to produce queens. Before that time and since, I contended that the bees did not always use wisdom in this direction, they seem to aim at getting a queen quickly and not one which will serve her purpose best. Long observation has taught me that the queens which come out even several days before the regular time on account of advanced larvae having been taken do not make good queens—others contend to the contrary. Is it not possible that the law of the survival of the fittest, is at work here. A colony in the natural course of events when the old queen is failing provides for a successor, if they do not do this and they have to do this after the old queen is lost