

"Editor Globe, Toronto, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter in your issue of Sept. 15th, beg to say that the Deputy Minister of Agriculture has very kindly drawn my attention to the fact that the crop report quoted by me was not that of the Department of Agriculture, copy of which he has kindly furnished and which reads as follows:

'Reports as to the yield of honey vary greatly according to locality, but are, on the whole, favorable. The average product will be about forty-five pounds per hive. The bees have swarmed freely, too much so in the opinion of many correspondents, though in some parts the swarming has been late in the season. They are in a thrifty condition everywhere and remarkably free from disease. The supply of nectar was abundant in most localities but the wet weather seriously interfered with honey making.'

Unfortunately the one quoted by me has been largely circulated by local newspapers in a condensed report with the Department's name attached which was very unfair, not only to the industry but to the Department as such a misleading thing would naturally prejudice the minds of those interested and injure the usefulness of the Department, which has always aimed at advancing the interests of the agricultural community. Regretting any blame which has been wrongly attached, and wishing to correct the matter in the minds of the public, I am,

Yours truly,
W. J. CRAIG."

We have in this issue two letters addressed to Secy. Couse, which will be interesting to members of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association at least. The one is from the secretary

of the Colorado Honey Producers' Association, in reply to an inquiry regarding the working of that Association. It will be remembered that a special committee was appointed at last annual meeting of the Ontario to consider the matter of an organization for the handling of honey. This committee has been informing itself during the year in order to report at the meeting in Barrie in December next, and Mr. Couse publishes this letter so that the members of the Association may form their opinions and be able to discuss the subject intelligently. The other communication is a response to his inquiry about the Canadian exhibits at Wolverhampton and Cork.

Mr. Henry Yeigh, secretary to the Canadian Commissioner at Wolverhampton draws our attention to a very complimentary item in the British Bee Journal by T. I. Weston, vice-chairman of the British Bee Keepers' Association, which reads as follows:

"Visitors to the Wolverhampton Exhibition who are interested in bee-keeping should not fail to examine the very excellent display of honey, both in comb and extracted, made by the Bee-keepers Association of the Province of Ontario in the Canadian Pavilion. The evenness of the quality is most noticeable, and the sample the writer was allowed to taste is a high-class clover honey. As to price it was stated to command 10d. to 1s. per lb. in Canada, and is being sold at the latter price in the