

honey in glass, packed in cases.....	1st class
honey in cans, not boxed.....	1st
honey in cans, boxed or crated.....	2nd
honey in kegs or barrels.....	2nd
honey in comb, boxed, owners risk.....	1st

Now you will notice that honey in kegs or barrels is 2nd class and that honey in the comb, boxed, is 1st class. It does not say honey in barrels must be extracted, neither does it say that it must not be in glass. The 1st class rate for comb honey is when boxed. Now if we ship our comb honey in barrels, according to the table it should go 2nd class,—honey in glass the same way. The 1st class is when in cases, and when in barrels, no matter what kind, we assume that it is 2nd class. Now it may have been the intention of the compilers of this tariff, when stating honey in barrels, to mean it to be in the same form as molasses, or other liquids, but they do not say so, and I take it as it reads. The agent at this station here took exception to my rendering, but, I did not argue the matter with him, if discussed at my quarters; I am not sure but that some change might be made. Fortunately for me this said station master re-asserted his position and I have had no trouble since. I had occasion to ship some honey in bottles, packed in barrels, from Toronto on one occasion and made special enquiry about the rate, and they shipped 2nd class so that I have this for a precedent. This is no more than right, however, when the barrels are headed in the usual way. For greater security (as I supposed) I shipped some honey 2000 miles in a barrel the head left lower than usual

and was taxed 1st class. I head them up in the usual way now. To have a better understanding of this subject we should know the rates on bottles separately. It is too long to give the whole of it so will only refer to that which concerns us as shippers of honey. Fruit jars, etc., in crates, boxes or barrels are 3rd class. Now note this honey in tins is 2nd class, but if you take this honey out of the tin and put it in glass and pack in the same box the glass came in, they charge you 1st class. There is something manifestly wrong about this. By taking the honey out of the tin and putting it into the bottles and making the one box weigh as much as the two and thereby saving room and handling in the car, instead of better than a 2nd class rate we are charged 1st class. This is unjust. They may tell you that there is more risk with honey in glass but this is not so. It is shipped at "owner's risk" anyway, and the leaking is more apt to occur with tins than any other way and should a bottle break the packing and case prevent the honey from running. You will notice the glass in barrels comes at 3rd class and it is a rule I believe that we can pack what we like or as many articles as we wish in one container so long as we pay the highest rate for all, that any one article or particular article is rated at—glass for example is 3rd class, honey 2nd class, so we ship honey and glass as honey, because honey is a higher rate than glass. Another example, you can put honey and apples in the same barrel, but it



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