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## Amount of Wax in old Comb.

Mr. George Wood, Wesley Ont\* writes us.—On page 284, July number C. B. J. report of Chicago and North-Western Convention the question came up as to the amount of wax that could be rendered from old combs. Perhaps the result of a test I made last winter might be of interest to some of your readers. I melted 142 old brood combs, Langstroth size, using a Goold Shapley & Muir press. I got from them  $42\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of clean wax or one pound from about  $3\frac{1}{3}$  combs; a little over  $4\frac{2}{3}$  ounces from each comb.

Thank you friend Wood for your experiment. Mr. France says "the quantity of wax depends altogether on the age of the comb" he thinks on an average that he obtained three or four pounds of wax to a set of eight or ten combs. This is a somewhat wide guess, we believe that you are much nearer the greatest possible quantity, as the weight of drawn comb Langstroth size used one season in extracting supers and built on full sheets of foundation eight sheets to the pound or two ounces of wax to the sheet, only averages about six and a half ounces.

## Death of Mr. A. Boomer, Linwood.

It is with regret that we announce to our readers the death of Mr. A. Boomer of Linwood. We have only recently received this information ourselves though the sad event took place on January 27th. Mr. Boomer's apiary, new residence and property are offered for sale in the advertising columns of this issue. Our readers will remember our reference to the unfortunate fire that occurred last summer destroying Mr. Boomer's comfortable residence and honey-house and contents. It seems that the old gentleman though he had wonderful energy and worked hard to replace his loss never fully recovered from the shock and his constitution gave way under the strain. Mr. Boomer was a well known figure at the meetings of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association of which he has been for many years a member. He was Clerk of the Fifth Division Court County of Waterloo besides conducting considerable Insurance and Conveyance business and agencies.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is a proposition by the Department of Agriculture that a joint convention of Fruit Growers, Honey Producers and Horticulturalists be held in the city of Toronto next fall or winter and to have in connection therewith, a fruit, honey and flower show at which these commodities may be displayed and demonstrated along with all the