

it is for an alternative effect which results from the change. So it is with honey. It tastes good and is very beneficial to the human organism. Honey is produced by plants and not by bees. These useful little insects simply gather and store it as it exists in the flowers. Samples of honey are unlike because different flowers produce different qualities of honey. Sometimes, though rarely, honey may act on the system almost as a poison. It is thought to be much adulterated, but a careful examination of many samples show that this is not true.

B. W. RUSSELL.—My bees have done a little below the average and are in a pretty good condition for winter. I enclose subscription for CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.
Charing Cross, Oct. 6th 1887.

The following statement of the proceeds of the apary of Mr. George Pearson, of Thornbury, appeared in the *Union Standard* published at that place on the 15th ultimo. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Pearson had 62 colonies, four of which were lost by queenlessness so that in the spring 58 colonies were left to commence work with. The bees commenced to swarm on the 13th of June and there were no swarms after the 14th of July. At the time on which the report was made he had 115 colonies of bees in first class condition, had sold ten swarms and gave away two, making in all 127 colonies. He took from them 82,600 lbs. of extracted honey and sold it at 10 cents, with the exception of 1,000 lbs. which went at 9½ cents. Comb honey in sections 12½ cents and in boxes 10 cents. The statement which we give as follows will show the position of affairs for a season.

1,600 lbs. extracted at 10c.....	\$ 160 00
1,000 lbs. extracted at 9½c.....	95 00
368 lbs. in section at 12½c.....	46 00
92 lbs. in boxes at 10c.....	9 20
17 lbs. beeswax at 30c.....	14 10
40 swarms sold \$3.55.....	35 50
57 swarms increase on hand \$5.00...	285 00

Total 644 80

EXPENSES.

30 lbs. honey at 60c.....	\$ 18 00
27 lbs. honey at 50c.....	13 50
45 lbs. foundation at 40c.....	18 00
240 five-lb. tins at 8c.....	19 20
26 fifty-lb. tins at 40c.....	10 40
Paid assistant.....	6 00
Paid for extracting.....	8 50
200 Sundries.....	6 40
lbs. granulated sugar.....	15 00

Total 115 00

Net profit from 58 swarms \$ 529 80

We do not understand why Mr. Pearson should have sold his section honey at the price given in his statement. It certainly was not wise to do so when he might just as well have had 16c. to 18c. per lb. for extracted honey in a retail way. We do not think of taking less than 12½. Of course if sold at wholesale 10 cents is a fair price. It does not seem to us a wise plan to rush into the market early with your honey and slaughter it, fearing that by holding it for a little the market will become glutted.

Convention Notices.

The seventeenth semiannual session of the Central Michigan Bee-keepers Association will be held in the Pioneer Room at the Capitol, Tuesday, Oct. 11, '87, commencing at 9 a.m. We cordially invite friends to attend and especially all persons interested in bee culture.

W. A. BARNES, Secretary,

North American Bee-Keepers' Society and the Northwestern Bee-Keepers Society will meet in joint convention at the Commercial Hotel, cor. Lake and Dearborn streets, in Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16, 17 and 18, 1887. Arrangements have been made with the Hotel, for back room, one bed, two persons, \$1.75 per day, each; front room, \$2.00 per day each person. This date occurs during the second week of the Fat Stock Show, when excursion rates will be very low.

MICHIGAN STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

—At East Saginaw, December 7th to 9th, 1887.

H. D. CUTTING, Sec., Clinton, Mich.

The Third Annual session of the Eastern Townships Bee-keepers' Association will be held at Bedford on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1887, at 10 a.m. We cordially invite friends to attend and especially all persons interested in bee culture. R. P. SMALL, Sec., Dunham, Que.

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

We have more bees than we want to put into winter quarters and we propose offering them at exceedingly low prices to dispose of them. A great number of our colonies are in the new combination hives, and we are prepared to sell good full colonies for delivery at the present time at \$6.00 per colony, in lots of 5, \$5.75, in lots of 10, \$5.50. There will be in each hive seven frames (the hive full) of brood and bees and whatever honey will be necessary for the trip and some over. In the regular Jones hive with six and seven frames of brood and bees (balance of 12 empty combs) at the same price per colony. F. O. B. cars at Beeton station; terms, cash with order. We are also prepared to sell a limited number of colonies to good marks on time with satisfactory security. We have too great a pressure in our supply business to permit of our extending our own aparies, and rather than let that portion of our business get behind we prefer to give it the preference.