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It is more and more apparent that some effort should be made to equalize or distribute, the honey crop of the Marketing of Canada in some of Honey. systematic way. Bee-keepers have made too little effort to place their honey crop upon the market to the best advantage. Last season a small section of Ontario had a very crop of honey, and immediately, without considering the honey crop in general, beekeepers in that district began to dispose of their crop at any figure offering, at a time when honey was not in demand. Light comb honey sold as low as 25c per section for 25c. The editor of the Canadian Bee Journal tried to stop the sale in the market and published a report of the Canadian honey crop, which was copied into many papers. At the same time many parts of the Dominion produce little or no honey produced or sold and a large quantity could have been sold there at paying prices. This should not be. I know one Canadian district capable of taking a very large quantity of honey if we will only make an effort to dispose of it in some systematic way. It may be said, why do not the Shapley & Muir Co., Limited, sell for me. In explanation let me say, they have many other matters to look after. They labor under the disadvantage of having to buy and then sell again at low sale prices, often facing in addition a long distance to Brantford. Men or companies, however strong financially, cannot do business for nothing. But that com-

pany has not done badly in the disposal of honey, as it has handled about sixty thousand lbs. of honey of the season of 1897. Some hold their honey until it is so near spring they know they cannot dispose of it; they then expect others to be able to do so. It must be remembered that these parties have the same conditions to face. If you want to exchange honey for supplies, give your supply dealer, whoever he may be, a chance before it is too late. If you ship to a commission man do so before it is too late, and instead of taking your own neighborhood as an indication, do as men in other lines of agriculture do, find out what the honey crop generally is like and then act.

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Some of the letters written to the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal have been left unanswered, as he was **Under Difficulties** left from the Hamilton convention for a two months Farmers' Institute trip through the Muskoka, Parry Sound and Algoma Districts. He will be back to Brantford if nothing unforeseen happens, about February 3rd. At some future time he will give his impressions of this country and its suitability of bee-keeping and other branches of agriculture.

## Wax Production.

The British Bee Journal gives the imports of beeswax during 1896 as £194,630 or about £900,000. It was valued at a fraction under 20c. per lb.