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The following interesting despatch was received early in June from Penticton: "There is apparently a determination in local fruit growing circles not to permit any undue advantage to be taken of the added protection given to the apple industry by the Dominion government. Local growers state that they want last year's prices and no more. A well-known fruit grower who learned it had been rumored that the management of a fruit selling organization had decided to raise its apple prices 38 per cent., intimated that as soon as definite information was obtained he would demand a general meeting to voice a protest if the rumor was found to be

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Calgary, Alberta, June 22, 1916. Editor Fruit and Farm,

Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir-We would like to bring to some of your readers, particularly those with orchards just coming in, information re time when to pick their apples. We had some shipments of Yellow Transparent left so long on the trees that when we got them they were worthless, no profit to us and a loss to the grower, who could ill afford it. Then there is another matter they should seriously consider, that is their packing and forcing onto the market their later winter and spring apples in the early fall. They state, and so do big shippers, that the apple market was higher in October than in November or December, and so is advisable to sell all their apples early. The reason for that is that they glutted the market with everything they could, then forced on another bunch, and of course a lower price had to be made to move them, resulting in a lower price. My contention is that if we feed the market with our apples, keeping off the late winter and spring, they would not be glutting their own markets.

If these matters are of interest to you kindly let me know.

Yours truly, S. J. FEE, Mgr. Vernon Fruit Co. Ltd.

#### Bee Correspondence Dept.

Editor Fruit and Farm,

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask Mr. Brooks to enlarge a little on his article in the June Fruit and Farm, page 961, and tell us what he thinks is a fair value for a standard frame of good-worker comb. "A valuable asset" is so vague. I asked the editor of "Gleanings" the same question and his answer was "about 35c." It has a bearing on the old question of the value of a hive of bees in the spring, the complete threshing out of which subject at our last general meeting was prevented by time limit.

With regard to Mr. W. H. Lewis' article, page 952, the paragraph commencing "Now listen" made me take notice, as, no doubt, was intended—this, too, is vague. "Two weeks before the 21st" would mean the first week in May, or April—probably the former. If Mr. Lewis had hives full to the sides the first week in May, this year, he was doing exceptionally well, but he omitted to tell us how it was done, his remarks referring, mainly, to swarm control, and spring management in other years, for I feel sure that spreading brood could not have accomplished much good in April of this year.

I have heard other reports of a similar nature—one was given early in June—18 frames of brood in a hive, from which 8 or 9 had already been taken to strengthen other colonies. This report also omitted details of spring management. I would like to suggest, here, that the large number of combs in which eggs are laid does not point to the good queen, necessarily. In 1914 my best colony gave me 120 lbs. of honey and the queen of that hive refused to go into the super at all.

Does any beekeeper on the Lower Mainland hold the view that it is inadvisable to produce very strong colonies except at certain times—the times varying with the crop? If so, please tell us when and how to do it

Merely looking for information, Mr. Editor. No! Nothing cynical about the above, but I would certainly like to see some discussions on such subjects running through your columns.

GARDEN APIARY, St. Nicholas, B. C.

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