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HONEY PAILS.

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To my surprise I find that I am left almost alone with my opinion on honey pails. I see, so far, every one we heard from, is in favor of gross weight pails. So much the better, as it will be an easier matter to get a standard honey pail, if there is a large majority on one side. I agree fully with Mr. Brune—the O. B. K. A. should not rest before a standard weight of honey pail is established. We would know a little better then where we are. I notice in German journals the associations have their standard packages. We surely, can have them also! I never had the idea that the gross weight pail was used so extensively. It is a little strange that honey is mostly sold gross weight; syrup, for instance, I always notice is net weight in pails. I suppose those pails also cost money. It seems to me the idea prevails that honey should always be sold, with or without pails, at the same price; sure enough it can be done with the gross weight pail if it comes in general use. As soon as a standard pail is adopted, I may use it also, even if it does not correspond with my wishes. We can not always have our own way, especially in an association.

In marketing a certain article, uniform rules and regulations will be beneficial to seller and buyer. It is not exactly necessary for the association or their committee, to dictate as to who is to use a particular sized pail, as Mr. Byer says, C. B. J., p. 7; but it can be at least suggested, the same as our Honey Crop committee suggests the honey price, and I believe most bee-keepers would follow the suggestion. As to the expression—"dishonesty"—mentioned in my article in the January number, certainly there is no dishonesty in using the gross weight pail in the proper way, so that every one knows what he buys. But I am sure every bee-keeper knows very well under

what circumstances dishonesty could be in it should any one ever have had such a motive. I will with pleasure withdraw the expression.

I would be also very much pleased to hear through our Journal how near honey was sold to the suggested price of the Crop committee. Was it not sold lower than suggested? I am informed, it was mostly sold for 10c. a pound in a retail way in my surrounding country. My price was: For a single pail of clover honey, \$1.25; 2 pails, \$1.20 each; larger lots, \$1.15 each. In 60 lb. cans, 11 cents. If customers furnished their own pails, clover, 11 cents, basswood, 10c. Basswood was not pure this year and only a little of it. I thought it was more thistle than basswood, and there were some cells of a darker honey—just enough to discolor it a little. The flavor I liked better than pure basswood. Of comb honey I only raised about 500 lbs., for home supply. Sold, No. 1, \$1.65-75; No. 2, \$1.55. A little buckwheat comb honey was not in good demand at \$1.00 per dozen. My crop was 6,500 lbs. of light honey; sold it above prices, mostly in 60 lb. cans, and a few cases of pails. Some of it was for the west, and some to eastern points; Four thousand pounds extracted Buckwheat honey was sold at 6 cents in one lot in Montreal. What is really considered under wholesale? In selling a few hundred pounds to a party would you call that wholesale, too? I must say I am a poor business man, therefore, information or discussion would be appreciated.

Our bees had a good flight on Saturday, March 5th. The sun was so bright and warm and the air calm, we decided to dig up the hives out of two or three feet of snow. A few days before we closed every hole in the snow as we saw some colonies had the desire for flight. Every colony of 127 was flying. Three hives showed a little dysentery. One colony blocked up with dead bees was