

count specifies the countries from which wax is imported and the amount and value of the same:

	cwts.	£.
From Germany.....	5,937	14,527
" France.....	919	4,831
" Portugal.....	1,270	6,872
" Italy.....	404	2,324
" Morocco.....	2,163	10,699
" Japan.....	3,576	10,299
" United States of America	6,074	27,107
" Chili.....	505	3,543
" Brazil.....	2,375	6,616
" Other Foreign Countries..	987	4,186

Total from Foreign countries.. 24,210 90,734

From West African settlements..	568	3,423
" British Pos. in S. Africa..	912	4,750
" Mauritius.....	1,836	8,663
" British East Indies.....	945	5,719
" Australasia.....	678	3,851
" British West Indies.....	1,160	7,106
" Other British possessions	517	2,131

Total from British possessions 6,616 35,643

Total..... 30,826 126,377

There is considerable difficulty in affirming the quality of wax brought to this country. It requires great experience in detecting adulterated waxes; even among analysts there are fine gradations and nice distinctions between absolutely pure and commercially pure wax. Then there are many kinds of wax, vegetable mineral and insect, but we may generally deduce the quality of the wax from the value given. The mean of the value imported is £4 2s. per cwt. The wax from Chili fetches the highest price, £7 per cwt., while that from Germany is only about £2 8s.

The following amounts are re-exported:—

To Russia.....	2,224	8,665
" Germany.....	2,577	8,337
" Holland.....	994	4,964
" France.....	1,840	7,950
" Other Foreign Countries....	2,845	9,283

Total to Foreign Countries..... 10,480 39,199

To British possessions..... 238 532

Total..... 10,718 39,731

This will leave for home consumption 20,108 cwts.; value £86,646.

The total quantities of wax, with their values for the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 are.—

1884.	1885.	1886.
10,378 cwts.	10,328 cwts.	10,718 cwts.
£36,467	£36,706	£39,731

The amount re-exported for the same years, and the value thereof, are:—

1884	1885	1886
28,258 cwts.	38,295 cwts.	30,826 cwts.
£105,813	£149,253	£126,377

There appears from the above to be a wide field for the production of wax. This article enters into the manufacture of numerous articles; at the Zurich exhibition there were shown twenty-two different articles in which wax was a constituent. There would therefore appear to be abundance of scope for energetic and enterprising private bee-keepers and honey companies to endeavor to overtake the importations of wax into this country.

For the Canadian Bee Journal

THE HAPPY COLONY OF BEES.

BY THOS. STOKES.

"We all know, in some way; obscure to me, Fate has changed our lot. Yesterday we felt A jarring. As of some fiend planning our destruction.

Enclosed we were, securely confined, Exit impossible, with our weak bodies, Strong, though, compared in size to others But weak against the ingenuity of man. However we are here placed. Another master To oversee us no doubt, and with him I move we be content; that in the morning Our daily labors we resume, unmindful Of our new destination; and with new zeal Endeavor, our lost time to redeem, Recuperate our depopulated numbers By feeding our most gracious Queen. Incite in her new energy, for the stock's prosperity."

She ended, and with a feeling of reverence Sat down, calmed herself and awaited The uprising of another. Without ado Julia arose amidst a hum or praise, And with contentment written on her brow Without any exordium thus began: "Sisters. I with pleasure second Sister Letty. Her movement is without doubt the most sensible.

The most scrupulous of all arguments For what will we gain by idling away our time. Time misspent will never return. And Age coming on many of us. Perceive Then the necessity of immediate resolution. We have lived and helped on the stock's prosperity

Through winter's cold icy reign. And now Are we removed to a new home. Yet nature Has here richly lavished upon the land In great profusion, her choicest flowers Replete with nectar. Which yesterday I visited

And in short time my sac was filled. Homeward I flew 'twas but a short distance. What profit if we parley more, loss 'twill be Therefore say I, Go at work to-morrow