

## Notes by the Way

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### SHIPPING COMB HONEY IN BARRELS FREIGHT RATES ON HONEY, ETC.

Regarding shipping comb honey in barrels, which originally contained sugar, which I touched upon in the last issue of this Journal, I might further say that I was a little doubtful about the success of it when they were headed up in the usual way; the temptation to roll them from place to place when loading or reloading at different points would be greater than if the head was left lower, or simply cross pieces nailed to keep the contents in their places.

I think it is generally conceded that cases of comb honey should not be shipped singly, but crated or boxed, and some have gone so far as to suggest that these boxes have rollers or casters to facilitate moving them. The Root people in their catalogue, recommend that the crates have projecting handles and I believe there is nothing better if we could only get the railroad men to place them the right way in the car, but you can never depend on this, and it is for this reason that I would rather take my chances on the barrel when shipping long distances or over more than one line of railroad. As it is now a "conviction" with me, I purpose making my comb honey cases so that they will pack to best advantage in these. I find that by making the cases to hold from 10 to 12 sections ("plain"), and I believe this package to be the best all round size. A barrel will take five tiers or one

hundred and sixteen sections. If you are using the old style bee-wax sections then there will be considerably less. In passing I would say that to me the "plain" or no bee-wax section has many advantages and this saving in casing and crating by barreling is a strong argument in their favor. As to the expense of barreling or crating, I am not sure but that the former is cheaper. The material for crating in ordinary cases costs I should think as much as a barrel, and when it comes to the time taken to nail these together, I am sure that the barrel is preferable. When packing comb honey in a barrel, no matter how carefully you may place it, there will be considerable room that cannot be utilized except for something else, you need not worry over this as it does not cost you anything, but if you can use it for something else so much the better. If you bottle honey in cans is a good place to put it or in glass cans. I would say here that bottled honey is always packed in barrels. Some may object to packing comb honey in barrels because these would weigh more than a case holding the same number of sections. A barrel weighs about twenty pounds just how much a crate with straw on the bottom, as some advise, will weigh, I cannot say, but the difference would not be very great. This would be more than counter-balanced by the saving in freight. This saving in freight brings us to another aspect of this question. I realize that I have only a G. T. R. table to go by, but can reasonably presume that in Ontario at least it will correspond with the C. P. R. and so I will purposely omit the rate of honey by the carload, as when shipped this way, no matter whether comb or extracted, in glass sections it is the same rate.