

### GERMAN DEMAND FOR CANADIAN HONEY

There appears to be no reason why Canadian honey should not enjoy a larger sale on the British market than it does at the present time, writes John B. Jackson, Canadian Commercial Agent in Leeds and Hull, England. From such countries as Jamaica and Australia considerable quantities of this product arrive; in fact, only recently a large consignment of 444 barrels, weighing close upon 40 tons, was imported into the above district from Chili. The largest honey-buyers in Britain are undoubtedly those firms engaged in the manufacture of patent medicines, sweetmeats and confectionery goods. At the same time, however, it should also be of interest to those dealers in Canada who may be inclined to open up the trade to know that large quantities of honey are used in the lager beer industry in Germany. Indeed, manufacturers in that country are said to be keen competitors with local buyers for the supplies that reach English ports. When imported in anything like large quantities, this commodity is generally sent in barrels holding from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 cwt. Canadian exporters, however, would do well to remember that, as there are so many sources of supply, it is necessary to always forward samples when submitting prices to English buyers.

### DRY AS A CHIP

How many times have we uttered the words "Dry as a chip" when we have disappointingly gone to the bread or cake tin in the pantry only to find a whole half cake dried out and unappetizing? Or perhaps we have put up a fine lunch in the morning, to find that at noon-time when we have come to lay out our cake at the family picnic it is almost spoiled by its long jaunt over the hills.

Our baker friends have long known of a way of preventing the coming about of

these calamities, and that in a most economical way. You perhaps as a child remember having eaten with a relish when going to the bake shop on an errand those animal cakes, large, thick ginger cakes, that are always moist and fresh, no matter how long they may have lain in the shop window? Well, the "trick of the trade" the baker here brings into play to keep his articles fresh is the use of honey in his cakes. For the lighter cakes light and mild honey is used, and for the heavier and coarser cakes the dark, strong-flavored honeys, such as buckwheat honey, are used, bringing with its use that rich flavor of the cakes the children like so well.

By this we do not mean that honey should be indiscriminately poured into every combination of rich cake, but there are a number of excellent recipes for using honey in gems, cookies, fruit cakes and layer cakes, all of which are worthy of investigation by the thoughtful and careful housewife. The recipes are too long a list to be detailed here, but can surely be easily gotten somewhere. Try the bee journals or the producer of the honey sold in your locality. The grocer may not know the recipes, but he will probably be glad to give you the name of his honey producer. It is worth investigating, we believe.

### A QUERY

I would like to ask you, through your valuable paper, to decide as to an argument on hives. If two strong colonies are on each side of a weak one, are they any more likely to rob it than the same two colonies on one side of it, if the hives were about four feet apart and no other bees within a mile?

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[We cannot possibly see that it would make any difference.—Ed.]

Owing to the orator or a writer to offer any the matter of honey. But I ticles from the and Deadman by your readers the Farmer's A a well-known fi privilege of at meeting, that M man were not ( the word, and their intentions their swords int Editor, it might a fellow like me However, in day for successf of honey in Ca fact, a myth onl Mr. Deadman "A Coöperative handle only first be launched, muc goes on to enume his article a num and how it would which would requ self to do it. Mr. article by telling tise their honey not require the hciety to dispose of Deadman. (The p the proper person goods in ninety-ni died. This may but it is good bus Mr. Chrysler's a of the C.B.J. is s Deadman's article, from his own point every reader of the