

the bee-keepers' association in what way our department can serve you, than to give instruction. If you can indicate any way in which our department can be of any use in helping to exploit the home market or in meeting the foreign market, I think we will be very happy to do anything we can to help you, and if there is anything we have not done in connection with the Paris exhibition which can still be done we will be very glad to hear suggestions from you in that respect. So far your President has not allowed me to forget the honey part of the exhibition, but everything he has written has been directly along the line, and on the point of giving suggestions. I think it will be a splendid display and will be of benefit to the honey industry in Canada.

Mr. Evans: I have been waiting for some time the opportunity of asking Prof. Robertson a question. Did the Government last year ship forty thousand pounds of honey to England, was it handled by one man, and did it net twelve and one-half cents a pound clear of expense?

Prof. Robertson: Last year the Government did not ship any honey at all. There was no honey sent by the department. Last year, that is 1898, when I was in England I had some correspondent from Brantford telling me that a shipment of honey had been made to a firm in London, and they complained of the quality, and they asked me if I could not look into the matter when I was there. I did give it enough time to learn that the complaint was that the honey had a very pepperminty flavor and odor. It was not saleable at a good price. Then I made enquiries as to whether they could not handle honey, and I got the names of two firms who seemed to be in the best position to do so. I gave the names

to Mr. Hall and others, and some of these people sent honey themselves direct to those firms, but we never got an official report from the firms or from the senders. I got some letters about the thing, not officially, and one of them told me that the pound jars were selling for fifteen cents a pound, and there was a good demand for honey in those jars. I will give the names of two or three firms in England to any one who would like to know.

Mr. Evans: Did the Government ever ship any honey to the Old Country?

Mr. Robertson: Not the Dominion Government. We did not ship any honey, but we took part of that shipment in England and gave it away. We paid for it, of course. I think I arranged to take about 200 lbs. of that honey on departmental account. I sent some with our compliments to editors of some of the newspapers in order to get them to write it up. We did not handle any honey in a commercial way.

Mr. Dickinson: In connection with Prof. Robertson's remarks on honey packages, from information I can get it is not best to send to England in glass. In the shipments that I have made they asked me to send it in 60 lb. tins, as they liquify it and put it in glass themselves. The reason they gave was simply that it would not be convenient to have glass shipped such a long distance, and that there would be a very great danger of breakage. I don't doubt but what the glass would be the best if we could get it safely carried, and that it would bring fifteen cents a pound, but I prefer the sixty pound tins with no loss than to run the risk of the glass.

Mr. McEvoy: As to the Paris exhibition, will the honey sent from all the Provinces of the Dominion be per-

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