

considerable yet. Bees have worked hard on buckwheat, golden rod, boneset and some on honey-dew. Honey extracted, wholesale 10 to 12 cents is asked, retail 12½ cents. Comb retail 15 cents.

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## QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

### Packages for Commission Men.

QUERY No. 248.—In shipping honey to commission men is it better to ship in bulk i. e. in tins or barrels, or in small packages tastily labelled for retail trade? If the latter what size package would you prefer.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—I now always use five pound pails.

WM. McEVoy, WOODBURN, ONT.—In both, but most of it in bulk.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—Ask your commission man, he can tell you his preferences.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I have no experience, but should think that each market would have its own preferences.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, OHIO.—That will depend upon what the market demands and that should be ascertained before shipping.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—All depends upon the market your commission men trade in. Try both and he will soon post you.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—It will depend wholly upon the market and you can better ascertain from the middle men themselves, than any other way, or the requirements of their trade.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—I sell nearly all my honey in home market. If I intended shipping to commission men I should consult their wishes as to method of putting up.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Have had no experience. Do not like the commission business anyway unless it is so you can see that the goods are properly handled, and placed before the public in an inviting manner. Prefer to sell my honey even if I take less for it.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—No rule can be given. We must consult the commission man and his market. If he will take it in bulk and work it off it is best to ship in bulk. As a rule small useful vessels are most salable. Each market has its preferences.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—It is better by all means to ship in the form which pays the best—whether in barrels or pounds. And if shipping in shape for retail happens to pay you best and you are a tasty man in putting up and have a reputation worth something or want to build up one, by all means ship in retail shape every time.

EGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I don't know which would be the more profitable but suspect if arrangements could be made with commission houses to handle your honey in one to five pound cans securely sealed and crated in packages that would handle easily, that you could build up a good trade if only first class honey were put on the market.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG.—Better consult the commission man, he ought to know what his market requires. I think I would always ship in small barrels. After trying nearly every way I have no greater faith in small packages for honey out of the comb. I can't see why grocers cannot be educated to draw from a barrel of honey and sell at retail just like they do when dealing in the abominable stuff called molasses. Perhaps granulation is the greatest hindrance.

### PRESERVES.

All the summer weather,  
S-aying naught of "nerves"  
Toils a little house-wife  
Making choice preserves.  
How she does her 'cooking  
Surely no one knows,  
Tho' they watch her daily  
While she comes and goes.  
More than half her goodies  
Go to pay her rent,  
Y- in every season.  
She is well content;  
And from noon till even  
And from morn till noon  
Even at her labor  
Hums a pleasant tune.  
Rose and lily syrup,  
Richest clover jam,  
Fill her tiny fruit-jars  
Full as she can cram.  
Now you've guessed my riddle,  
And you'll all agree  
That the name we call her  
Always ends with Bee.

—Youth's Companion.

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