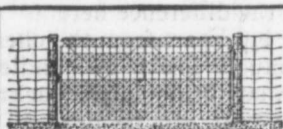


in crates, especially when in one crate. Then again it is handled much more carefully in barrels. It is for this reason I frequently ship comb honey in them. I referred to the contents getting soiled when in crates, there is no trouble of this sort with the barrels, so that I know of no reason why they should not be used in preference, unless the quantity is not large enough. Even then if you fill the barrel half full it will compare favorably with crates, unless it may be slightly heavier, but they are a gain in this respect when compared to four crates. There is one more advantage in shipping barrels that is in the "shunting" of freight trains. A barrel is sure of being placed the right side up provided the head is left lower than the top, and pretty sure even if headed up the usual way except when rolling it, but there is no danger whatever from being upset with the shunting. It is true there is not much danger from extracted honey in this way, but there may be. If piled four or five deep and the top one was to topple off the jar may cause your honey to leak, even if in self-sealing tins. My first experience with this shunting process was when I made up my first shipment of comb honey to Winnipeg some fifteen years ago. I helped to load it carefully in one end of a car, but did not take the precaution of either placing something heavy up against it, or of piling stair fashion. I paid for it by having a couple of crates broken by

falling from the top and the wonder is how I did not have more. I certainly would have had if a change had not been made before it went very far. At Fort William the man who had charge of loading the car told me that he had known a piece of freight weighing over 1000 lbs. to be moved some six inches out of its place before reaching Winnipeg. I understand this is not so much due to the shunting as to the train slackening up over some portions of the road causing one car after another to go forward with such force as to be worse than the shunting itself. As to honey in the comb I prefer shipping in barrels when the quantity is not large and the distance very far. Some four years ago I shipped for me eighteen different places in the West one lot going to Edmonton, 200 miles north of Calgary or over 2,000 miles with all the changes incidental to shipping "lake and rail" in neither this nor any of the was a section broken, I have reason to know, as I was on hand see. The heads were closed in the usual way so that rolling it was ably in order. Comb honey in barrels has this advantage, there more spring or "give" to it than when in a box. It stands a good chance of never being so placed that the sections will be exactly the opposite way to what they should be so that the jar and shunting is not fatal. Honey in crates will be loaded one of two ways. the right or wrong, no half way between. Ap



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