

correspondent who penned the item entitled "C. C. C." taken any trouble to ascertain whether or not these coffin-cases did contain honey, or has he only imagined so from seeing some such cases stored in the building for want of space somewhere else? Surely if the latter, this is a very unkind cut!

Reports in general lead one to believe that in England the honey crop is much below the average.

"An ordinary bee can draw twenty times the weight of the body, and a large horned beetle, which was carefully weighed and allowed to work unmolested under a bell glass, drew forty-two and two-tenths times its own weight."—The truth of this statement is not vouched for.—Ed.

Geo. Neighbor & Sons, London, E. C. took a goodly share of the prizes offered by the Royal Agricultural Society held at Norwich. They gained first and third prizes for the best bar-frame hive for cottagers; and first for the best collection of Hives and Bee Furniture. We extend congratulations.

#### BEE CONVENTION.

A meeting of bee-keepers will be held in the Western Hotel, Guelph, on Wednesday, August 4th, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of organizing an association for the county of Wellington, or some part thereof.—A. Gilchrist, Wm. F. Clarke, J. R. Morrison, Thos. Simpson, R. L. Meade, Allen Simpson.

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A week or two ago we had sold 1,000 tins to hold 60 lbs. each; the number has now been doubled, and orders are coming in faster and faster. 200,000 lbs. will probably be stored in this style of tin this season.

Where bees are short of stores, feeding will have to be resorted to as in former years, and we have a large lot of "Canadian" feeders cut, ready to go at once. The prices will be found in our column of specialties.

An Exchange says "it's comforting to know that a bee can only sting once." No one but a hog would ask for more. One sting of a bee is generally considered a genteel sufficiency with considerable to spare.

Will all those who have had dealings with Thos. Horn, of Sherburne, N.Y., this season, whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory, kindly report to us. We are desirous of seeing all claims settled and of knowing those, too, who have been satisfied.

We have still lots of queens at \$1 each, many of them are worth double the price. We have a hundred ahead ready for immediate shipment; selected tested queens worth \$3 we will sell at \$2—these are specially for breeding purposes, and are an extra quality.

We have just had a ten-foot board fence put all around our factory grounds. Beeton is composed of honest and moral living citizens as a rule, but there are some who are not particular as to whether or not they live strictly honest lives. On various occasions we have had parts of orders which were just about ready for shipment, stolen over night. This will be prevented now.

During the next month or two prices for honey will probably range about as last year! Prices should, however, be higher, as much of this season's honey will find its market in the mother country. There are some small producers who entirely ruin the market by rushing into it early in the season and offering honey at miserably low prices to make sure sale of their productions. When once a price is set in the beginning of the season it is impossible to counteract the effect of it for that year by any advance. When honey becomes, (as it rapidly is) a staple like butter and cheese, then supply and demand will regulate the price, but this it does not do at present; did it, the consumers would pay a higher price for honey this year than last. We are told that around Hamilton this practice of slaughtering honey is much in vogue, in fact we have just been advised that farmers and others around there are selling on the market new-season's honey at 8c. This is ridiculous and should be stopped.

We have been working at some disadvantage in our yards through our inability to secure competent assistants in all our bee-yards at the beginning of the season, and hence our bees have not been as great a source of revenue to us as they otherwise would have been. They are, however, at this time, in better shape than they have been for years previous. Perhaps we are to blame to some extent for the cry that "honey is adulterated," "look at the sugar that is fed," etc., as we have in past years prepared our bees, very largely, for wintering with sugar-syrup stores. To counteract this prevailing opinion we have worked along with a view to