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The Honey Crop Committee Report seems to be hitting the right spot. The wholesaler is beginning to squeal and bluff.

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We trust there will be a large delegation of Canadian bee-keepers at the next National convention. A capital program appears in another column.

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Help along the valuable suggestion of the Woman's department, and inaugurate a campaign of honey advertising. It will pay. The county associations could do much in this direction at small cost.

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Yes, we are in favor of woman's suffrage—but, if they were all likely to vote as the Editor of the W. D., we might feel obliged to revise our opinion. However, even this difficulty may yet right itself—a free trade husband might accomplish great things. Alas, that we cannot renew our youth!

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The following circular sent out by Lutherford, Marshall, Limited, Toronto, will serve to show the necessity of some concerted action on the part of the honey producers of Ontario, to protect themselves in the matter of honey prices. Co-operation in the sale of honey seems to be the only solution:

"Important to Apiarists."

"Do you know this fact, if Reciprocity carries, extracted honey will be bought much cheaper? We are offered fancy mild, white honey at seven cents a pound in the United States. Just before the bill passed on the other side we bought,

in Ontario, a car load of fancy clover from nine to ten cents a pound. Quite a difference? It not only applies to honey, but to everything in the produce and provision line—prices will be lower. We always voted "Reform," but not for Reciprocity, Sept. 21, 1911.

"We still want more Canadian honey, comb and extracted, for immediate use, providing we can buy at a reasonable price. Thus far, samples have been excellent and crop good in sections. Can you offer us any? If so, state quantity, how put up, and your lowest price F.O.B. your station. We prefer it in sixty pound tins crated, and we sincerely believe those who sell first will get best prices.

Awaiting your reply, we are

Yours truly,

Rutherford, Marshall, Limited."

Toronto, Aug. 2nd, 1911.

The first clause, apart from its bad taste in introducing political matter of a contentious character in a business circular, appears to be nothing but a bluff to attain the object set forth in the second paragraph, "providing we can buy at a reasonable price." It would appear that the work of the Honey Crop Committee is being felt. We trust that no bee-keeper will be caught by this sort of thing. The crop is short this year, and many bee-keepers will be receiving but poor remuneration for their labor, even if they should be successful in obtaining twelve or twelve and a half cents per lb. wholesale.

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