

[Thanks. We are very glad to receive your testimony. Your experience but confirms the position we took this spring in the matter of feeding.—Ed.]

A Voice from B. C. Agrees with Mr. Byer.

We have in B. C. this year a fine honey flow from alsike clover; one of the best I remember. One of my strongest colonies stored 400 pounds extracted clover honey. One day, the same colony (July 1st) stored 37 pounds clover honey. How is that for B. C.?

My observation is that of Mr. Byer, (page 291, July, 1910) "when all at once the old bees dropped." I always find after heavy feeding the bees (the old bees) always in a short time dropped out of sight, in spring or in fall, or after heavy honey flow, and any time when there is sudden stop.

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HONEY CROP COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, August 3rd, 1910.

The Honey Exchange Committee of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association met at the Secretary's office yesterday, August 2nd. Reports were received from 450 points throughout the province, representing 23,582 hives of bees, an increase of 60% over last year. All parts of the province were well represented and the committee was thus able to get very accurate figures as to crop conditions.

It was found that there was practically no old honey left on the market and that all reports indicated that the 1909 prices suggested by the committee were realized. The average production per colony of light honey is 58.3 pounds as compared with 59.1 last year. While the crop in the centre and western part of the province, where the bulk of the marketable honey

is produced, is lower considerably than last year's there is a much larger crop in the eastern counties, which has kept up the average.

After considering the reports carefully the committee would recommend the following prices for the year.

No. 1 Light Extracted (wholesale), 10 to 11c. per lb.

No. 1 Light Extracted (retail) 12½ to 15c. per lb.

No. 1 Comb (wholesale) \$1.80 to \$2.25 per dozen.

No. 2 Comb (wholesale) \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen.

The Committee find that large quantities of extracted honey have already been sold by Peel County beekeepers at 10½c., car lots, f.o.b. shipping point for the western markets. In view of the decrease in the crop and the firm prices of fruit, the committee believe that the above prices should be realized and would suggest that beekeepers hold part of their honey for later delivery unless present prices are satisfactory. We would again suggest that the local demand, which is increasing, should be especially looked after.

A later report will be issued to cover Buckwheat honey.

Yours very truly,

William Couse, Streetsville.

W. J. Craig, Brantford.

H. G. Sibbald, Claude.

Morley Pettit, Guelph.

P. W. Hodgetts, Secretary.

AIRSHIPS AT THE FAIR.

Negotiations are under way that will give patrons of the Canadian National Exhibition an opportunity of seeing the newest airship and the most daring aeronauts go through their bird-like performance. All that is needed is calm weather. For an airship balks at a breeze and the boldest aeronauts quail before a baulking airship.

A. FERRIER.