

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.

Will It Pay to Feed Sugar and Extract Honey.

QUERY Mo. 313.—With granulated sugar at present price, will it pay to make it a point to extract honey, and feed sugar syrup for winter use?—B. D.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—It might pay, but I wouldn't do it.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—No! that is not in my opinion.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE.—I can't say, think I will try some this fall.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—It would not me, but you can try it and see if it pays you.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—It will probably pay just as well now as it ever has, even if honey is cheaper. But whether or not it ever pays in the long run, I doubt. Too much work.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Most assuredly if you can get ten or even eight cents per pound for your honey.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Much depends upon your knowledge of feeding, the kind of feeders and other implements you have, and what price you can get for the honey. Maybe yes, maybe no.

R. F. HOLTERMANN.—No, I think not, have no faith in feeding liquid at any season of the year. It is an expense, considering waste in storing, should only be resorted to when bees will gather no honey from the natural sources.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY.—No, it will not pay if you take ultimate as well as present results into consideration. Do nothing of the kind, and never feed syrup except in emergencies and contingencies, and these you had better always try to avoid.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS.—Whether it will pay or not depends upon the value of your time and the saleability of your honey. I think however your time can be better employed than to increase the honey supply in this way. Better to buy honey to supply your market than do this. I would never recommend feeding honey where colonies are necessarily short, but to extract and then feed, helps to bring the industry into disrepute.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG.—I think

not. A customer just now was speaking to me of the popularity of my honey because I used no sugar in my apiary. I would only use sugar to feed bees when necessity forced me to do it to save the lives of the bees. The fact is *cheap sugar* has damaged my honey market this season, and it is not to our interest, as honey producers, to crowd the honey market by artificial means. The past season has been very good in Kentucky and the market is glutted with honey, without resorting to artificial means to throw more honey on the market at a very slim margin of profit. Besides the suspicion that such a course is likely to excite as to the purity of honey.

D. A. JONES, BEETON, ONT.—We do not think it will.

Sugar and Honey.

QUERY No. 314.—Will the present change in the price of sugar have any effect upon the honey market?—W. F.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—I doubt it.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—No, I think not.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Perhaps a little but not materially.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Time will tell. I do not expect it.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE.—Can't say positively, but think it will make prices rule lower than ever before in Canada.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—Not to any appreciable extent, in my opinion.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I think it may a little, but not as much as one would suppose. Sugar is a staple. Honey is a luxury. People who want honey usually buy it whether the price is 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. or 20.

R. F. HOLTERMANN.—Honey and sugar enter very slightly into competition especially first class honey. The price of the latter will be effected none at all or but little by price of sugar. The lower grades of honey may have their demand lessened.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS.—I certainly think it will lessen the demand for honey, and in localities where honey is plentiful and the retail price more than ten to twelve and a half cents per pound that there will be either less sold or the price will come down.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—The consumers say yes, while the producers say no, and in each case the opinion or wish is no doubt "father to the thought." The lapse of a little time will tell. I have a private opinion on the subject which will do the most good or the least harm where it is.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG.—Yes. The working people of the land buy more of the