

est benefit, should, I think, be repeated so as to give a weekly bulletin during the months of July and August.

As to the cost of the bulletin from the publishing company and the expense incurred in securing the subject matter for the bulletins, I presume that would come within the jurisdiction of the executive and would require their endorsement before being put into actual practice.

In the event of this project meeting with favor all round, I presume the *modus operandi* will be changed, simplified and improved by abler minds, but I would like the idea to be always prominent and to run continuously through this whole scheme, that these reports are being collected for the benefit of bee-keepers and the bulletins are being published "For Bee-Keepers only," and in no case nor under any circumstances for newspaper publication.

M. B. Holmes.

Athens, Ont.

HONEY CROP REPORTS, ETC.

Editor C.B.J.,

Re. honey crop reports I think your idea is good, but I do not feel very capable along the line of suggesting the best means of carrying it out. The honey producers, I am sure, would assist you, but, it seems to me there would be too great a time lapse between the time of estimating by the producer and the publishing of the reports, not necessarily so great a drawback in the first report which might be made about June 25th, but, this report would simply be a supposition and would require to be followed by a second in about two weeks, which would give a fair estimate of the clover honey produced. Then could be included the basswood prospects,

which two weeks later could be summed up by a third report giving a fair idea of the amount produced from our two leading white honey sources.

I judge if this could be done and laid quickly before the honey producers it would be a benefit, but the first report carries no weight and by the time the next issue would reach us, Aug. 10th, there would have been considerable honey offered, contracted for, etc., and the season's prices largely influenced, before it became generally known how the crop had averaged. Hoping you will be able to put some good plan to a test.

I remain,

Yours truly,
F. J. Miller.

London, Ont.

CROP REPORTS, PAN-AMERICAN AND OTHER THINGS.

Editor C.B.J.,

Seeing so many well written articles in the last C.B.J. as in many of the previous issues, I feel it a duty to take up the quill, although I am neither a writer nor an orator, and with your permission will touch upon a number of subjects. As all bee-keepers are anxious to know how the bees came through the long, dreary winter just past, I will say that mine went into their winter repository on the 29th of Oct., 1900, 102 colonies, and on the 12th of April I set them out again on their summer stands, losing only two colonies; the others in fine condition, with one week of fine warm weather after setting out gave them a grand chance for house cleaning.

There has been very little frost in the ground in this section of the country and prospects are good for a clover crop.

Re. your suggestions in the March

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