

tion into this country. The quality usually manufactured, when used for ordinary purposes, is equal to foreign. One apiculturist, who has since retired from business, put through 70 tons of foundation, so there is scope indeed for development in this direction. The latest plant for foundation-making has not yet been imported to the Dominion, but the time will come when machinery of this description will be necessary. A complete outfit would cost between £200 and £300.

PROPER MARKETING.

A lot could be said on this important question, and if the interested parties in the Dominion would co-operate with a view to equalizing distribution, prices would certainly be in their favour. A great deal of improvement has, however, been effected during the last few years, especially in connection with the export trade. The President of the Federated Association of Beekeepers, Little River, Canterbury, has arranged for the export of 12 tons of first-grade honey monthly, and those desiring to ship under advantageous conditions should communicate with him without delay. All produce going through this channel will be graded by a Government expert, as would other shipments should application be made to the Department.

INDIVIDUAL YIELDS.

A hobby apiary of five colonies of black bees at Eltham produced this season almost 700 lb. of superior-grade honey, exclusive of the final extracting. Many other small apiaries have done equally well.

RETURNS FROM FRUITGROWING.

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THE high returns possible by fruitgrowing from a comparatively small area of land are undoubted. The following instance recently came under my notice: A small Auckland orchard of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, of which not more than 3 acres are in stone fruits, has had an output this season of 55,000 lb. of stone-fruits (mostly peaches) actually marketed. Practically none of this fruit was sold under 2d. per pound, whilst the early peaches were sold at a high rate. However, allowing only 2d. per pound, the gross return would be £458, equal to over £152 per acre.

“Weeds are the farmer’s best friends,” says an American writer. “They force him to cultivate; and lack of cultivation is the crime of modern farming.”