

DUNEDIN.—During the month peaches, plums, and tomatoes have been in poor supply, grapes, apples, and pears have been plentiful, while apricots are now finished. Cauliflowers, cabbage, lettuce, rhubarb, carrots, beetroot, and potatoes have been plentiful. All lines of fruit and vegetables were in good order, and the ruling prices for the month are as follows: Tomatoes—outside, 2½d. to 3½d. per pound; hothouse, 5d. per pound. Plums, 2d. per pound. Pears, 5s. to 6s. per case. Apples, 6s. to 7s. per case. Apricots, 4d. per pound. Blackberries, 6½d. per pound. Peaches, 4d. per pound. Potatoes, 6s. 4d. per cwt. Peas, 1½d. per pound. Cabbage, 2s. 6d. per sack. Shops well stocked.—*E. T. Taylor.*

BLUFF.—A large amount of New Zealand fruit was on this market during March. However, as the demand for fruit was keen the market was not glutted, except perhaps for a few days in the case of tomatoes. The local markets are stocked with fruit from Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Canterbury, North Otago, Teviot, and Southland, and owing to the local supply importations have eased. The majority of the fruit is very well packed and graded and in a clean condition. Warning notices were issued to Canterbury growers for scab on apples and pears. The following is a list of the average prices ruling during the month: Tomatoes—hothouse, 3d. to 5d. per pound; outdoor, 1d. to 4d. per pound. Peaches, 2½d. to 4½d. per pound. Plums, 2d. to 4d. per pound. Pears, 2s. 6d. to 8s. per case. Apples—dessert, 6s. to 8s. per case; cooking, 2s. 6d. to 6s. per case. Grapes, 8d. to 1s. 3d. per pound. Quinces, 5s. per case. Onions, 8s. to 9s. per cwt. Potatoes, £5 to £6 per ton. Cabbages, 1s. per dozen. Cauliflowers, 2s. to 3s. per dozen. Parsnips, carrots, and turnips, 1s. per bunch of a dozen. Cucumbers—hothouse, 2s. 6d. to 3s. per dozen; outdoor, 1s. per dozen. Rhubarb, 1d. to 1½d. Marrows and pumpkins, 10s. per cwt.—*R. Hutton.*

HONEY-CROP PROSPECTS.

THE Director of Orchards, Gardens, and Apiaries Division has received the following reports on the honey-crop prospects from the Apiary Instructors:—

AUCKLAND.—Owing to dry summer, honey-flow ceased early in March, but good yields were secured. The market price averaged 10s. per dozen 2 lb. tins.—*G. V. Westbrooke.*

WELLINGTON.—Honey crop in my district now almost completely gathered, the greater quantity of which was of excellent quality. Prices are firm, and beekeepers in Taranaki and elsewhere are arranging for export shipments, which are expected to assist the local trade.—*F. A. Jacobsen.*

CHRISTCHURCH.—Honey season is now finished, and most beekeepers are preparing for the winter. A fair trade doing, and prices much the same as last month, although there is a tendency to advance.—*L. Bowman.*

DUNEDIN.—The surplus of honey is in excess of last season's crop. Extracting has finished. Bulk honey sent forward is meeting good demand, bringing from 4d. to 4½d. per pound; in 1 lb. glass bottles, 9s. per dozen. Fancy white-comb honey realizes 7s. per dozen. Beekeepers are warned against forwarding lots in second-hand packages (kerosene-tins). Dunedin auctioneers complain bitterly of methods adopted, and consequently by which prices are affected.—*E. A. Earp.*

HONEY ON A LONDON ROOF.—It will surprise many to learn that an apiary is being maintained with profit in the very heart of busy London. Within sight of Holborn, on the roof of a block of flats, Mr. Wakevell keeps fifteen hives, from one of which last year he obtained 53 lb. of honey. The bees buzz as merrily in the London smoke as if they were in a country garden. They find their own food in the summer, but during the winter sugar-canes are placed on the roof for them.