

Mr. NEWTON : I never turn the point of my smoker down among my sections ; I always turn it straight so that the smoke goes above. If it went down it would be apt to taint the sections.

Mr. McEVoy : Take an ordinary man, and he drives them down with a great smoking, and those bees are going to have revenge, and they set to work and chip the capping.

Mr. NEWTON : As regards escapes, I had one case that sickened me of them ; it might have been my fault ; my escapes got clogged, and I think I had four nice supers which I did not go back to until the next morning and they were not worth much.

Mr. BROWN : That has been my experience with the escape. I have used only one, and my experience has been like that.

Mr. SHAVER : I am like Mr. Newton ; I have one, and that is one too many.

Mr. NEWTON : There has been a great deal of discussion on the American side about bee-escapes, and I find there are a great many who have discarded them on the ground that they spoiled so many sections. One reason is that it is not put on at the right time, and another, it is apt to get clogged. Very often we don't know that our escapes are clogged.

Mr. HALL : I may say I suppose I have taken 22,000 pounds of comb honey, and I have had one super spoiled, and I could afford that because it saves me so much work other ways. I had one super spoiled simply because there were some drones in it.

Mr. POST : I use two dozen Porter bee escapes, and I cannot tell you were they were manufactured, but they are a success with me. In the closing of the season I double up and put two supers on each bee-escape, and carry them from different hives. I put them on one day and go the next morning and take them off.

Mr. McEVoy : The way it is going now we are all at sixs and sevens.

Mr. CHRYSLER : If the bee escape was taken away from me it would not worry me very much ; I could easily find another method of doing it. A person may get into his own way of doing things, and I do not think it should be set down that there has got to be a bee-escape, or a Porter escape, or any other method.

Mr. HALL : I have had imitations of the Porter bee-escape, and the springs were too strong.

Mr. POST : If we cannot agree upon this we had better drop it and leave it to each to do as he chooses.

A MEMBER : Can drone bees pass through the escapes ?

Mr. HALL : The one case of failure was blocked up by drones. They cannot pass through them.

Mr. McEVoy : If they are liable to get clogged it is well to look after that.

Q. Bees going out at entrance at hive hang around on entrance board, as if chilled with cold and wings all in a quiver—what is the cause ?

Mr. PICKETT : I have not had a case of this kind and cannot answer. I presume it must mean paralysis. There is one thing lacking ; it does not say at what season of the year.

Mr. DICKSON : I asked the question, and I would like an answer to it. It was in the month of May. Two good colonies of bees had come out on the entrance, and just acted as if they were put out too early, and were all in a flutter.

Mr. HALL : Were they dark-colored—shiny ?

Mr. DICKSON : No ; there was nothing special in their looks ; they did not seem to live long. Each morning I would sweep away the entrance board and there would be possibly half a dozen or two dozen the next morning ; and when it was warm it seemed to effect them in the same way. I examined the hive and everything seemed all right ; one of them was about holding its own, and the other was gaining, and I was determined to make short work, and we finished the hive. I would like to know what was the cause.

Mr. HEISE : How long did that continue ?

Mr. DICKSON : It must have been three weeks any way from when I first noticed it.

Mr. PICKETT : Did any of them wander away that you know of ?

Mr. DICKSON : I could not say.

Mr. McKNIGHT : The answer to that question may be paralysis. I have read about it. Is there any such disease known as bee paralysis ?

Mr. HALL : I have some in my cellar that will have it in the spring. They call it