

R. McKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—Smearing them with tallow will help. My section cases preclude the possibility of the sections being propolized except on the top and bottom.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—Not that I know of that will be absolutely effectual. Rubbing them with tallow will partially prevent, but the remedy is as bad as the disease. Make close joints.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—I do not know of anything practicable. If you crowd them up tight together and have them meet evenly, it will no doubt accomplish more than by anything you could put on the sections.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—No. All that is left for us is to mechanically construct our supers and adjust our sections in such a way as to induce as little gathering of propolis as possible, then clean it off nicely before sending the honey to market.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—If your hive and fixtures are properly made, the little propolis that you may get on your sections will give you very little inconvenience. You can prevent the propolizing by tallowing the sections, but I wouldn't want any of the honey on my plate that was placed in them.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I think that there is nothing that would be practicable. My sections are not debanded with propolis as some people manage to get theirs. If sections are put on right at the beginning of the honey harvest and removed soon as finished, or as soon as the harvest is over, they will have only a little propolis on their edges, which can be shaved off with a sharp knife so as to be as nice as can be. I have practised this plan for years.

We do not know of any substance that will not injure the appearance of of the section. Bees seem inclined to place propolis on any substance irrespective of its smoothness, even on glass. To grease them would prevent its adhering and possibly make them give up in disgust, but propolis would be preferable to the grease. The man who will find out some practical remedy for what you ask would be a benefactor to comb honey raisers.

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QUERY 226.—I am moving to another farm this spring which I have leased for five years. I have 47 colonies. Would it pay me to fence apiary with a high fence for that time or how should I protect them?

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY.—No.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—Yes, if in a windy place.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I have never given such protection. Possibly it might pay in your case.

G. W. DEMAREE CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I would put up a temporary fence around them to suit my own convenience.

H. Y. HUNT, VILLA MASTAI QUE.—If to protect from high winds I think it would pay, especially if in a good location.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Protect from what? If from thieves, perhaps, only I should start a Sunday School. If from cold or sun, no.

R. McKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—That depends upon the location of your bee-yard. If fairly well sheltered, it will not pay. If exposed especially to the south and west it will pay.

W. M. BARNUM, ANGELICA, N.Y.—I would certainly not lay out any very great sum, under these circumstances. Would not a cheap (horizontal) board fence upon north and west side be sufficient?

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—It is a good plan to have a close fence on north side or rear of hives and on the west also. This is to protect from cold winds and storms.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—I think it would pay if you were allowed to remove the fence when the lease expires. If not, would select a sheltered situation and set the hives close to the ground.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—All depends. I would not fence it on account of the weather, but if there was stock or children or determined thieves close at hand, I would fence it on that account.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—In my locality you would need no such protection. A simple shade board is all the protection we give our hives. If you want to protect from marauders keep a good dog. It will prove better than any high fence.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY.—If you can set them near a hedge, under a hill, or in any position that they would be fairly well protected from the cold raw winds, do so, if not build the fence so