

can challenge me to produce my authority, if he has a mind to, and I have to show that I am legally and lawfully appointed by the President's signature, or he can show me the gate and tell me to get. I have no power to go on any man's premises without the legal document. This fall I went to carry out the law in one place, and I was afraid I would be driven out, but fortunately I was not challenged. I was going to enforce the law very rigidly.

QUESTION—Is it advisable to re-queen with virgin or young mated queens in order to diminish or prevent swarming, and with a view also of obtaining a large amount of surplus?

Mr. Newton: I used to think at one time that if we could prevent swarming and keep our stocks from swarming we would always get the largest crop of honey. The last few years I have changed. If the hives seem determined to swarm the sooner they do so the better, and then when the swarming fever is over they are in a position to give us honey. I have seen no advantages in what I have tried of re-queening or running virgin queens in order to prevent swarming, because sometimes the hive is at a point of swarming when we undertake to do that, and putting the young queen in when the swarm fever is on won't prevent it.

Mr. Sibbald: I don't think putting a young queen in will prevent the swarming if they are determined to swarm. That has been my experience.

Mr. Holmes: It seems to me this idea has changed the view of the question somewhat. Are we not supposed to give them the young queen before they get that determination to swarm?

Mr. Newton: The question does not say so.

Mr. Holmes: In reference to the

desirability of having swarms issue in my experience I prefer to have the bees in one hive. I would expect to get better results from that than to have them swarm. I do not want my bees to swarm if I can avoid it. Of course, as to the effects of introducing young queens in the spring to prevent swarming, I am not prepared to speak definitely, but I have experimented on that sufficient to give evidence, and the little experience I have had would be to answer the question in the affirmative, that it will hinder swarming.

Mr. Darling: We try lots of things we don't know how to manage, and perhaps that was the way when I tried this re-queening business some years ago. I found sometimes they would not accept the young queen, and they would simply wait until some of their own hatched. I remember having a first swarm where I tried to introduce a virgin queen, they started a lot of queen cells, and refused to accept the queen I put in, and they came out determined to swarm. There was a good deal in the bee journals pro and con in regard to swarming some years ago, and I thought like a good many others, if I could keep the bees at home, I could get a good deal of honey. It never worked. That which has given the most satisfaction is to let the bees swarm.

Mr. Heise: I think the reason for Mr. Darling's non-success was the very fact that he left introducing the young queen until the colony had made preparations for swarming. If he had introduced the queen early enough no doubt it would have had the desired effect.

Mr. Holmes: I would like to emphasize the statement I have made, that at the beginning of the honey season I would rather have one hive