

can store honey above in empty combs.

Mr. Sibbald: What is the object?

Mr. Post: I want to get the honey above. In my way of thinking you cant get combs sufficiently strong for bees in naturally built combs.

Mr. Holtermann: Why not let them build natural combs on wire? It works alright.

Mr. Post: We have never tried that.

Mr. Sibbald: Mr. Post wants his bees in good shape for buckwheat and he wants some comb to breed on. There is no doubt he is right in that.

Mr. Armstrong: What has Mr. Post on the top?

Mr. Post: I would put a queen excluder on and put on full drawn combs and either foundation or full drawn combs below. I wouldnt put them on starters.

Mr. Sibbald: Would you if you were in a locality where there was no buckwheat nor fall flow?

Mr. Post: I dont know. I would have to think awhile.

Mr. Fixter I think it would be more important in that case to have full drawn combs.

Mr. Dickenson: It depends whether you are working to increase or keep down increase.

Mr. McEvoy: I would use full combs in every case.

Mr. Morrison: Why should a man leave his combs lying there and buy foundation?

Mr. Post: I dont think he should do it.

Mr. Holtermann: I dont like the idea of using starters below and full combs above. I dont like the idea of using sheets of foundation below and full combs above. If I wanted to use full combs above I believe I would use full combs below, if I had them, and if that wouldnt do then I

would make them go as far as they would and I would use foundation below and foundation above when they swarm because if you have a right and proper swarm and the honey flow on they will draw out all the foundation in a twelve framed Langstroth hive in the brood chamber in forty-eight hours anyway.

Mr. Post: You want a queen excluder on?

Mr. Holtermann: Yes.

Mr. Mason: When you put in a new swarm do you put on the super at the same time or a few days after?

Mr. Post: If the honey is coming in good put it on at the start.

Mr. Lowey: In hiving swarms I usually place them with the supers on before the bees are hived, with all drawn combs if I have them, not with all sheets of foundation, but of course I contract.

Mr. Edmonson: I have had hives swarmed on full sheets of foundation with combs above and I have got sealed honey with not an ounce below, the foundation not being touched.

Mr. Dickenson: I think that difficulty can be overcome in this way, to put one comb in the centre of the brood next and the rest foundation. Dont be in too big a hurry putting on the top story.

Mr. Pettit: I would like to find a little fault with Mr. Dickenson just now. He has brought out a point I have in a paper to read to-morrow morning and it is a very good point. I think it is too bad Mr. Dickenson stole it from me, that is this one comb.

Mr. McEvoy: In putting that in the bees have got a chance to store the pollen.

Mr. Dickenson: That is just my difficulty.

Q. Would you prefer for extracting supers frames six inches in depth or the full depth Langstroth?