

Mr. Holtermann: How can you get your foundation to fill the section?

Mr. Pirie: I fill it all around as far as that is concerned, or I can just fasten it at one end. I sometimes fill the section right full. I think Mr. Sibbald uses the same principle.

Mr. Holtermann: Do you put in your sheet of foundation and then after it lies against the top apply the wax?

Mr. Pirie: Yes.

Mr. Sibbald: There is another point in favor of that plan, any little youngster can put them in, it is so simple.

Mr. Pirie: Of course you have to have the wax at the proper temperature.

Mr. Miller: What sized brush do you use?

Mr. Pirie: Just a small camel's hair brush.

Question 3. Which is the best smoker fuel and what is the best and quickest way to light it?

Mr. Miller: There are so many different opinions. Cedar bark is very good; it burns wet. If during the clipping or a time when I set the smoker down occasionally I like cedar bark. If I am using it when the bees are cross and using it continually it burns out too rapidly. For lighting I use cotton saturated with saltpetre and crowd in a few shavings; I take off a small piece of saltpetre and touch a match to the cotton and it is already lighted.

Mr. Hall: Have you tried rotten elm?

Mr. Miller: No.

Mr. Hall: Once you light it it will never go out.

Mr. Miller: Cotton won't go out if you use it properly.

The President: I use the planer shavings altogether. I find they are very convenient. They make a good judge and if you crowd them in

pretty tightly they will last a good long while.

Mr. Shaver: Don't they get pretty hot?

The President: No, not by throwing a handful of grass on top of it.

Mr. Brown: I generally use dry rotten wood, ash, elm or whatever can be got, but I prefer ash.

Mr. Armstrong: I have used rotten elm for about ten years and I have used planer shavings and I have used cedar bark and I have stopped with cedar bark and am going to stay there.

Mr. Holmes: Among the different materials that I have tried to use in the smoker I find that cedar bark is far and away the most satisfactory to me at least.

Mr. Dickenson: I like cedar bark a little damp, and something on top to keep it from getting too hot.

Mr. Hall: We use cedar bark and we use it simply because it is easy for us to get, and we cut it off the lengths we want it on a block, and we put in enough to fill the smoker hard and tight; they are straight pieces of cedar bark and not too fine, of good heavy stuff. It will last you five hours. That is a consideration. I don't like filling a smoker; it is a nasty dirty job and sometimes it is pretty difficult work. The other things are good but the next best thing I use is rotten apple wood.

Mr. McEvoy: Mr. Hall's plan of cutting of the cedar bark in straight pieces and putting it in that way is very good, but if you get a cross and downright spunky colony take some June grass that is dry and twist up a good wad of that and you can hide a hive with it. I apply the smoke at the bottom and top and then the next thing I follow with my boots and I wake them up in dead earnest.

Mr. Holtermann: Try when you get a chance this new peat fuel that is