

ern part of Ontario. With regard to setting the centre of the brood nest to the outside of the hive in the spring, I certainly would not approve of that; I would try and hold as much of the brood in the centre as possible. As to setting on supers during fruit bloom, in our part we have very little fruit bloom. Whatever there may be, the weather is then too cold and wet and windy for the bees to get to it, consequently we never have any surplus honey from fruit bloom in my part.

Mr. Fixter: Did I understand the gentleman to say that April 15th is about the right time to set bees out?

Mr. Whiteside: Yes, I find April 15th about the time.

Mr. Fixter: I could not agree with you; I think they ought to be set out a great deal earlier. We are about as far north as Mr. Brown and we set them out on the 22nd of March this year and they have done very well. For many years we have set them out when there was a foot of snow and they have done very well. We don't believe in leaving them in the cellar too long. He also said during the winter you should shovel the snow off. Wouldn't it be much better in a place where there is so much snow to keep them inside, in the cellar?

Mr. Whiteside: This is more particularly for out yards. There would not be room in the cellar and I would not want the bees in there. Personally I have no choice.

Mr. Fixter: Then he speaks about the frames that the bees have left during the spring. With those frames wouldn't it be better to keep them in the dark so that the "millers" would not get at them?

Mr. Whiteside: There are cellars you can keep them in but it is the exception, not the rule. As far as my experience goes a cellar is a poor place for pollen combs.

Mr. Fixter: By setting your bees out and taking three or four days to do it have you ever found any trouble with the bees going together?

Mr. Whiteside: I quoted Doolittle on that; I thought it was a very good plan when I read it, better than putting them all out at once.

Mr. Miller: The time of clipping queens was mentioned, if I understood rightly, as being done at the time of setting on the supers. With the majority of us I am afraid we would get sadly behind if we left the clipping until the hives became so populous and attempted to do it at the time of putting on supers. I like to clip in the fruit bloom.

Mr. Dickenson: I agree with Mr. Fixter in regard to setting out the bees early, still I think no member of this Association should give any certain date for that; I think locality has quite a bit to do with it. As to snow being on the ground when the bees are put out, some seasons it is almost impossible to get them out when they should go out without having snow on the ground. I have found it a good plan when I thought there was any danger of the bees flying and dying on the snow, to sprinkle a coat of straw over it.

Mr. McEvoy: Mr. Whiteside said one thing that I think every person should pay more or less attention to, that is, bringing queen cages to the bee yard. Sometimes you will find a fine young queen that might be robbed out and you have got other queens that you would rather do away with, and if you have the cage on hand and catch that queen and cage her it is a good thing.

Mr. Pettit: I would disagree with Mr. Miller in the matter of clipping queens in fruit bloom. I find if I wait until fruit bloom, with a good many colonies they are pretty populous. I like to do it the first favor-