

as we would for comb honey, on five starters, and as soon as the white honey ceases we take out the dummies and put in sheets of foundation. We just simply divide two and stick in three sheets of foundation for the bees to fill up with buckwheat honey for wintering, and they do it.

Mr. McEvoy: This gentleman has struck a very important point; the more honey that is stored below the less you get above, and if he contracted ten to eight he really went into business.

Mr. Shaver: Then, an eight frame hive is better than a ten.

Mr. Dickinson: I find the eight deficient for wintering.

Mr. Darling: In regard to making bees carry honey upstairs by placing division boards below. I was bothered with one of those queens that seemed determined to go away, and when I say the queen I think we should blame the whole stock of bees. I wanted to get some comb honey, I piled up supers two, three, or four high, and they were not satisfied unless they would go. Finally I cut the queen's head off. They came out again after that and fortunately, or unfortunately, they got a young queen with them while in the air, and got mixed up with the bees that had the young queen; I concluded if they would not do as I wanted them to do I would see if I could compel them. I took one of those Jones' hives and filled up part of it with dummies. I went to the hive that the swarm had come out of, and I took off the three supers and put them on top of those three frames, and put in the swarm. After that time I had all the honey they gathered. It was a virgin queen, and she did not begin laying for about ten days after. When I took the sections off there were three cards of solid brood from top to

bottom, put in as pretty as ever I saw. There was not two pounds of honey in the hive.

QUESTION—Foul brood is now better understood by the bee-keepers' than when the Foul Brood Act was passed. Could it not be better cured and sooner exterminated by appointing a number of sub-inspectors whose duty it would be to inspect every colony in their districts and attend to the curing of any disease found by visiting the apiaries as many times as necessary?

Mr. Newton: I might say I have thought of this question a good many times. It seems a lot of work for our Inspector to pass from one end of this country to the other and do ample justice to every bee-keeper in it. We have talked it over in our Oxford convention. If there was one appointed in connection with our local associations I think the disease could be sooner done away with than it is. I know how it is that our friend McEvoy would visit some place in the west, and then directly he is away to the east. Sometimes he may not get back for weeks and probably months. Well, we do not know whether that man is doing his duty or not. If there was a man in that district to see to it I think the thing could be cured much quicker.

Mr. McKnight: There is one point in connection with this which, perhaps, has been overlooked. In order to carry out the suggestion that has been made the law affecting foul brood would have to be changed. There is nothing in the law now which would clothe a local officer to carry on the local work.

Mr. McEvoy: Sometimes I run up into a yard where a man had not done his duty and is not likely to do his duty, and needs to be looked after closely. Before I go into his yard he