

as I can, but not to kill everything off; that is going a little too far. You have got some colonies in your yard that have given you some great results this year. What are you keeping them for? Those are the ones I want to breed from next year. I want to get some queens from those colonies. Here is where we get our bread and butter, from the good stock of bees we have got. We all know that queens vary, and they vary some times in seasons too. Take one season, a queen will do extra well; she won't do as well the next, but you can raise good queens from that one.

There was one bee-keeper here who was telling me he bought one queen from a certain queen breeder in the United States this year and gave \$5 for it. He has requeened his whole yard—90 queens—from that one queen this summer. I think that man has made a mistake. He has probably got 90 queens that won't be much good to him next season.

Mr. Ross—I was very glad to hear Mr. Sibbald say he enjoyed looking for queens. I am so situated, I have to get to work at my bees early in the morning or after 6.30 at night, at both of which times the hives are packed full of bees, and I have experienced a good deal of difficulty in finding queens at that time. Can anybody give me some scheme whereby I can get those old queens to supersede without too much difficulty?

Mr. McEvoy—As a rule about 6 o'clock in the morning the queens are on the first three frames in the centre, and they go in a circle around. They are at one side or the other at 6 o'clock in the evening. I want plenty of bees. I couldn't agree with Mr. Sibbald in that.

Mr. Sibbald—I meant you should not choose to breed from the most prolific queen you had just because she was prolific.

Mr. McEvoy—That depends on the training you give these bees. You can get the work out of these bees if you set

them to work right, and the more bees there are the better. Mr. Dine took a short cut that was well worth paying attention to. I have practiced the same thing. I like it first rate. I will get more profit out of young queens than old ones. Someone will say, I have had queens do so and so at such and such an age. Yes; you can get good men at 70, but you can get more good men at 40.

Mr. Dine—I am a firm believer in requeening, but we are taught a queen lives from three to four years. Is it possible for a queen to get to her best in ten or twelve months. If I had a queen that laid a comb full of eggs do you think I would change her the first year? No, I would keep her for two years or more. I go, personally, more by the looks of a queen. As long as she is bright and yellow and filling the combs full, I would keep her till she showed signs of failing.

Mr. McEvoy—That will all depend upon the work you take out of that queen. You keep her confined to the brood chamber only; you raise no brood to the super.

Mr. Dine—That queen will wear out in two or three years in that way,

Mr. McEvoy—I would run that queen and wear her out in the time I say.

Mr. Hershiser—The question resolves itself to this, do away with all your poor queens and keep your good ones. Mr. Ross wanted to know how to find a queen, and there are several ways of doing it. I would like to call attention to one or two. By taking the frames out one by one and shaking the bees off at a considerable distance, stringing them along on a sheet, if you please, and get them to run in, and if you watch them at the entrance you will soon find the queen. Another way is to put a queen excluder over the hive and shake the bees down, and as they run through it they will strain the queen out, and you will find her on top of the queen excluder.

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