

and good. I met with a man, when we were sent down to Ottawa, who had 2,000 colonies of bees in the State of Maine and partly in Canada. It has always been a mystery to me how these could be managed profitably.

Mr. Dickenson: Listening to the paper read by our Secretary regarding the gentleman in Michigan managing five apiaries of 100 colonies each, I would say that it is too much to expect. I know something about the management of one apiary and I would not undertake, no, if I never got a pound of honey, to manage that myself; I simply say it is too much to expect any man to do.

Mr. Hall: I can manage 200 colonies of bees if you let me prepare for them in winter and give me a horse when I wish, but I tell you the sweat runs out of me very often and I wouldn't attempt to manage any more, and the man that can manage 500 colonies of bees alone I think is in a dream.

Mr. Miller: Those who take the Review will probably remember this same article was published in it about three or four years ago, and I assure Mr. Hall it is no dream. It seems to me he had that system that he had everything prepared and as the season advanced in the way of supering and taking off the honey, he did nothing but put them on and remove them and keep down swarming.

Mr. Hall: That manipulation will keep him busy all the time without any other work.

Mr. Holtermann: He would have to have in stock about 1500 comb honey supers with foundation that he wouldn't know whether he was going to use that season or not. There are a great many points that when you go into the details it seems to me utterly impracticable.

Mr. Miller: If a man is going to keep 500 colonies it doesn't matter

what amount of super room he requires, it should be provided.

Mr. Holmes: Like the other gentlemen who have expressed their views on this matter, so far as managing an average sized apiary is concerned, I entertain no serious objections, but when it comes to managing 500 colonies of bees, if I had 500 I would certainly hire a foreman and retire from the business. I entertain very serious objections to managing that many myself. I love to see beautiful figures on paper. Someone has intimated that the man was dreaming. I hope not.

The President: If the gentleman was dreaming I think we had better not disturb his dream.

Mr. Frith moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Hutchinson for the paper he has prepared and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to Mr. Hutchinson.—Carried.

QUESTION DRAWER—CONDUCTED BY

MR. BROWN, CHARD.

Question 1: Should honey be strained or skimmed?

Mr. Brown: My impression is it should be strained, but in case there should be found any foreign matter floating on top of the honey afterwards, have it skimmed. I strain through cheesecloth: draw it from an extracting can, empty it into another tank covered with cheese cloth and strain it, afterwards I fill it into small cans or bottles as the case may be. I usually find quite a bit of sediment. I consider it pollen or pollen grains or wax down in the bottom of the can; this I would draw off; but I consider we can't get along very well without first straining the honey.

Mr. Dickenson: I want to strain and I want to skim. I want to strain through a finer strainer than cheese

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