

experience along the line of transferring from box hives, he found that the easiest and most profitable way was by allowing them to swarm, as described by Mr. Edminson. As to transferring the comb he did not think it worth the trouble usually, there being such an amount of drone comb in those old box hives that no sensible keeper wants to transfer.

"What would you do with combs having small quantities of honey in them in the fall?" was the next question. Some members advocated setting them out in the yard and allowing the bees to clean them out.

Mr. Pepper said that he preferred to extract them even though the work seemed tedious and unprofitable, leaving honey around the yard has a tendency to excite the bees and often leads to no end of trouble by their robbing.

Mr. Edminson said that he did not favor the idea for the same reasons and besides they tear and destroy the combs.

Mr. S. T. Pettit's plan of placing the super of each hive in front of the colony

colonies, as it would take some time to do the extracting and all could not be placed at the same time.

J. H. Shaver and W. J. Craig observed that the moth will not attack combs left moist with honey, as they are after extracting, so readily as they will dry combs. The combs will keep better, not



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nearly so easily broken and besides the bees will take to them more readily when placed in the hive next season.

"Clearing snow from the entrance" formed the closing subject, the general opinion being that it is better to keep the entrance clear, though hives have been covered under heavy snowfalls for two or three weeks and came out all right. Loose falls are not dangerous, the trouble comes through a partial thaw when the snow becomes packed hard and crusted.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the President and Secretary.

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

The programme is to hand for the next annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union which is to be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, starting Wednesday evening, December 6th, and closing Friday afternoon, December 8th.



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it belongs to, in order to clean out the combs, after the last extraction was dwelt upon, some could not see how this would be practical in a yard of seventy or eighty