

used the Langstroth and I concluded they were too shallow, then I jumped to a frame about thirteen inches deep and so got out of the frying pan into the fire; then I came back to eleven inches and it just suits me.

Mr. Holtermann: I think the Langstroth is deep enough and it is so much of a standard frame I would stick to it.

Mr. Chrysler: For extracted honey eleven inches deep is preferable to a Langstroth.

Mr. McEvoy: Don't you think the man makes some difference?

Mr. Armstrong: Yes, every time. I look at it from this standpoint, it is dollars and cents I am generally after and providing I have got only fifty hives is there enough difference and would I gain enough by making the change? I have never seen it in that light yet.

Question: Do you consider it a good plan to return a swarm to the parent hive after a few days?

Mr. Armstrong: I have never tried that, therefore I don't know. I would say no myself.

Mr. McEvoy: No.

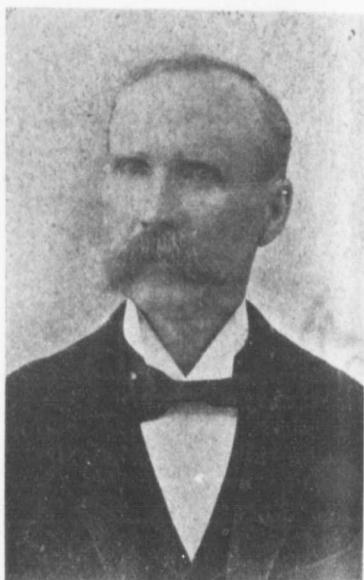
Mr. Martin: I think in the July number of the Bee Journal I saw a piece about that. It said that after two or three days to return the swarm if you didn't require the increase; and I thought I had all the bees I required and so I adopted that plan and found that the bees went right to work the next morning.

Mr. Gemmell: I think that is the Dadant plan. It has been recommended by them. That is, when a swarm issued to hive it for 24 or 48 hours and then return it to the parent colony. I tried it, but I never found it to work. Locality may have something to do with it.

Mr. Darling: I tried it once or twice with prime swarms and I don't want to try it any more. With

second swarms I don't wait two days or two hours. I run them right back home again and there is no fighting or further swarming. If I can manage to get the queen cells torn out of the hive and the bees back almost before they are settled out of the air they don't come out again. That is, after swarms; I mean all swarms with virgin queens.

Mr. Armstrong: I took from the



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question that it was prime swarms he was talking about.

Mr. Darling: Well, it is not a success with me.

Mr. Martin: Mine were not prime swarms, most of them were second swarms; when I put them in the hive I leave them two or three feet from the entrance of the parent hive, then I leave them there two or three days and shake them down on the alighting board the last day in the evening and I had no swarming.

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