

spraying Act inadvertently, and F. A. Gemmill was chosen a committee of one to wait on the Minister of Agriculture and have the matter righted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that this association affiliate with the Ontario.

By a unanimous vote the C. B. J. or substitute is to be presented to each member.

Mr. S. T. Pettit showed and explained the working of a very simple, but ingenious robber defeater. The discussion, following brought out an almost unanimous verdict that colonies which allow themselves to be robbed are of very little use anyway.

Freight rates in connection with honey got a thorough shaking up. It was hoped that the Ontario Association would take the matter up in a more specific and earnest manner than has yet been done, and approach the transportation companies in regard to cheaper rates. Transporters of cheese, beef, cattle, horses, eggs, butter &c., &c., "made their requests known," and in many instances material reductions had been made, while bee-keepers like the "shy bugs" waited to be asked what they wanted.

The question session was occupied with the following:

What is best to do with combs in hives in which bees have starved? Several answers were given, the best of which was to cut the cells half down. That method enabled the bees to clean the combs out leaving the septum and a greater portion of the cell walls than they would leave if given the combs entire.

How to run an out apiary without being constantly with the bee? This question was proposed by J. B. Hall. A look of—well—something that indicated that all was not yet learned or known about running bees. If J. B. didn't know, who, in Canada at least, does? He admitted he could and did run out aparies but it was expensive and wearisome to the flesh. This was an age of lazy and cheap methods. Has one been discovered by which an out apiary can be run? Silence answered.

What use is there in superceding queens in fall and how does it work? The well known methods and objects were advanced and except for a special purpose the practice was considered useless.

Are not local associations responsible for a great deal of this failure? How is this state of things to be rectified. Of course the question could hardly be answered.

A motion to meet in November and adjournment brought to a close one of Oxford's usually interesting and instructive sessions.

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