

time to build the combs and gather the honey, and for that reason it is profitable to use foundation, because they can get storage room quicker; but I have found it profitable not to use full sheets of foundation in the brood-nest when hiving swarms and working for comb honey, in my locality. I have taken the sections off the old hive and put them on the new, and have the same bees working in the sections again in 20 minutes, with all the enthusiasm of a new swarm, and all the honey that goes in must go up in those sections, and they will build brood-combs, and as fast as they build the queen will fill them with eggs, and I have gotten as nice honey as by allowing them to build their own surplus combs. But, as far as results are concerned in surplus honey, I can get more by allowing them to build their own combs in the brood-nest. I would confine a swarm to about five combs.

Mr. Abbott: As we seem to be establishing a precedent, I want to express my opinion about this voting business. It seems to me like school-boy play. I cannot see anything to gain by it, cannot see any instruction to be gotten out of it, and I cannot see any good in it—a lot of people holding up their hands that they would do this and that. A National bee-keepers' meeting, it seems to me, is to impart instruction and information at the same time, and to learn from these people who are not in the habit of talking. I want to hear Dr. Miller and we want to see him.

Dr. Miller: I think there are certain things that we can get at a convention that we cannot get elsewhere, and this makes it worth while to come a long distance, and it is the men we don't see much of, it is the men whose writings we do not see much in the journals, that we want to hear from here. But there are certain

things that sometimes have been discussed so thoroughly that we are not likely to get any new light upon them, but it is of very great importance to me to know something about what the bee keepers in general do think about them. Now, if we were to have a long discussion about whether it is better to do this or that, and the reasons are given, (and we have heard all those reasons before) there is more or less waste time in that. And it is worth while for me to know that there are 37 who think so and so, and 13 others who think differently. Of course, an old man like Mr. Abbot doesn't want us children to be playing here, but it is not child's play when we know what is the weight of opinion upon that. Then we can go on and get ideas that we will not get elsewhere.

W. L. Cogshall: What is the question under discussion?

Dr. Mason: We want to know whether the use of foundation is profitable in the production of comb and extracted honey?

W. L. Cogshall: Surely, it is indispensable.

Dr. Mason: Would you use it in the brood-nest?

W. L. Cogshall: Most assuredly.

Dr. Mason: Would you use it in the sections?

W. L. Cogshall: Yes, sir, full sections.

A Member: At what cost?

W. L. Cogshall: No matter what the cost.

D. W. Heise, of Ontario: I think Mr. Cogshall has almost settled the question. We can discuss this matter day in and day out and at the end of all the time it would resolve itself into the hive question. We know it is profitable to use foundation, and we know it from our own experience, and I think every one in his locality and according to his honey-flow

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