

Mr. Gemmell: Why not give them to the bees early in the spring before they gather any? It would save your comb and a lot of trouble.

Mr. Miller: We get plenty of it in the brood nest; it is only for the extracting combs this could be recommended. I throw water in my extracting combs and after it stands a time it ferments.

Mr. Gemmell: I have given them a fine spray and let them stand and then put them in the extractor and you get nearly all the pollen out.

The President: Do bees use pollen given to them in the spring that has been in the frames all winter?

Mr. Miller: I think so if it is not mouldy.

Mr. Darling: Put a comb filled with pollen down in the brood chamber and in a little while it is all used, taken up and filled with brood.

Question: Will toads kill bees in a bee yard?

Mr. McEvoy: Yes.

Mr. Miller: I have had no experience. No doubt they would if they had the opportunity.

Question: Has any person found quite a quantity of dead brood in the hive a few days after it has cast a good swarm? If so what is the cause and what is the result?

Mr. Miller: I have had no such experience.

Mr. Darling: I put the question in. This year I had a colony and it looked so bad I examined it to see whether the queen had hatched and I found a lot of dead brood. Of course I have my own theory as to what caused it, but it was so bad I thought it was a case of foul brood. I examined it a few days after and the colony built up and it is alright now.

Mr. Holtermann: Did the weather turn pretty cold almost directly after?

Mr. Darling: I dont remember about that but my thought was that

the bees had swarmed a little too close and that the brood had either chilled or starved out.

Mr. Morrison: Was there a shortage of the honey flow just at that time?

Mr. Darling: The honey flow was short most of the summer with me.

Mr. Dickenson: I account for it by turning the hive around too much; that is, the old colony; it is simply this, all the bees are checked from going in and out, carrying water, honey and pollen—you dont get the bees back again; they go into a new colony, but if you will turn the hive around after you have hived a swarm I think there will be no dead brood.

Mr. Darling: I set this in a new location, moved it ten feet away.

Mr. Dickenson: Not for a few days unless you adopt another system

Mr. Darling: I think I did it the next day or the day after.

Question: Is it advisable to wire foundations in the brood nests?

Mr. Miller: My frames are small, only five and three eight inches in depth, yet I think it advisable to wire; by that means I can use a lighter foundation. I use section foundation for my brood frames and then wire very substantially. If I were using a deep frame I think I should find it advisable to wire.

Mr. Brown: Would you consider the wire would be any detriment to the bees? Would it bother them any?

Mr. Miller: No, never; it is imbedded and they never attempt that

Mr. Brown: I notice when I happen to get a comb broken by accident and put a hole in it and a string to keep it in place and set in it the hive the bees will cut and gnaw and work till they get this string cut off, so I didnt know but perhaps they would act the same upon the wire if they could. They might be working