

ers of our country such men as have been sent out, I think in every way the bee-keepers in general ought to use the Inspectors and help them in every possible way they can with their work. Personally, I can only say that the bee-keepers in general have used me royally, and only in an odd case did I have any trouble whatever with the bee-keepers with whom I came in contact, and in these cases they only feared the fire. When I reasoned the matter out with them there was no need for any alarm, because they were soon reconciled when they found I had come to cure and not destroy. In most cases where I found the disease it was there unknown to the bee-keepers, and they were bee-keepers in a small way, keeping from one up to twenty-five colonies. These men knew nothing of the disease. They were not taking any bee journal and took no notice, and were not interested in the cause we are all banded together for this afternoon. If we could only instill into the minds of these men in some way to become members of a local or the Provincial Society and get in touch with our work. I think it would be one way of helping to get rid of disease, low prices for honey, and many other things. I found the disease more prevalent in towns and cities. The diseased honey is marketed in towns and cities, and the cans and utensils are thrown out to be cleaned up by the city bees, and it seems to be a hot-bed for disease. They have been in the habit of putting out combs and cappings to be cleaned up by the bees. I think this could well be avoided by bee-keepers. We should try to prevent it as much as possible.

Another thought I wish to bring before the convention is this: To impress upon the bee-keepers in general the advisability of not buying and selling bees without the inspection of the Department. This has come up during the past year, with somewhat grievous results. It would pay any man in buying bees to ask for the report of the previous year or ask the Inspector to be sent on first. This would

be a safeguard to the man buying bees. Then, with reference to buying and introducing queens, a man said to me, "If you say anything about that you will kill the queen business." I don't want to kill the queen business, but I would like to impress upon the members that when they receive queens, not to introduce them in the cages they come in. One yard I was in received three queens, and there were three hives diseased through introducing them in those cages, and this is a common occurrence. It is a very small matter to destroy the cages and introduce the queens in a new cage, or put a cage on the side of your comb and let the queen go in, and in that way you will do away with any chance of disease.

Mr. Timbers: Then I think the queen-breeders should tear off their instructions. They say "Introduce in this cage."

Mr. Newton: We can't control that, but we should not go by the instructions.

Mr. Timbers: I think queen-breeders who send such queens should be exposed.

Mr. Holtermann: Mr. Newton is quite right about that, but I don't see any harm in the statement being made that in such and such an apiary the colonies were all clean with the exception of three colonies in which three queens were put which were got from So-and-So.

Mr. Newton: You can't do that. I have tried to impress on bee-keepers to know the disease at the first glance. Moving bees again that were diseased into clean localities has been a thing that has come before my notice during the past year. This had been done before I came into office. It is one of the things we should strictly guard against. We don't want a hospital. We want the bees cured where they are, and thoroughly cleaned before they are moved.

Mr. Anguish: There was a yard brought into my district, and I understood they were foul brood bees before they were sent. I wrote the Department about it, and they replied that those bees were not to be moved. The Department told me that they were Mr. Smith's bees.

I wrote the bees north of me. I asked London if they and he said that

Mr. Newton: they were diseased. I told them. I wrote they had been and that there was a connection with it into it, and I inspected by them. Mr. Anguish: there now?

Mr. Newton: I haven't inspected them to think that at the present time

Mr. Anguish: as strong as I can brood it will colonies.

Mr. Newton: I think they should be moved over to the district thoroughly before being set down.

Mr. Anguish: Bee-keepers ought to know the disease at the first glance.

During the past year I had colonies; I had colonies, and I found we have been there has been a report where I have no doubt to in the ne mostly in Middle

The disease is existing good many of the treatment, but I next year the w little earlier in the s

Mr. Atkinson: I understand for Middlesex