

that he could not work amongst his raspberries, but we were picking raspberries at the same time—we had six acres of them—and while he complained about the bees on his raspberries they never bothered our pickers at all.

Mr. Byer: Were they different varieties?

Mr. Smart: I think not; they were the Cuthberts.

Mr. Holtermann: I would like to ask Mr. Fixter whether there was any record kept or taken of what variety of bee it was, or the age of the queens, or anything of that kind?

Mr. Fixter: There was no record kept of the queen; there was a daily record kept of the weight of the hive.

Mr. Holtermann: Because hiving on starters or full sheets and so on would certainly, I think, be of a good deal of importance.

Mr. Fixter: There was no record kept of the queen.

The President: By using alternate sheets of foundation and full drawn comb, I find the effect has been that the full drawn combs are widened and the sheets of foundation are not drawn out to the full extent; if left to be capped over they are not deep enough.

Mr. Holtermann: As far as using the sheet foundation between drawn comb is concerned, I think the majority of us find that our experience exactly agrees with that of the President, that is a thing that is not at all desirable. If you put a sheet of foundation between drawn comb the result will be, as the President says, the drawing out of the comb and not very much done to the sheet foundation.

Mr. Sibbald: How would you put it in?

Mr. Holtermann: The right way to do it is to put a thin separator between

the drawn comb and your foundation until the foundation is drawn out.

Mr. Heise: Would that be necessary in the brood chamber if the proper spacing were maintained?

Mr. Holtermann: I do not know that you can draw out foundation between drawn comb properly; I would sooner put the foundation together and the drawn comb together than to do that.

Mr. Dickenson: I would not recommend using a separator.

Mr. Holtermann: I know an exceedingly good bee keeper who does do that, Mr. S. T. Pettit; that is what he practiced.

Mr. Dickenson: There is no short cut about that.

Mr. M. Pettit: As the son of Mr. S. T. Pettit, I would like to defend that method a little bit. I have practiced that, and I purpose practicing it a great deal more than I have, not in the brood chamber, but in the super for getting foundation drawn, and I find that one of the best ways of getting foundation drawn. For one thing you have it built down to the bottom bar as you are not apt to get in the brood chamber.

Mr. Lott: I found it worked very nicely to start bees upon foundation between full drawn combs; just as soon as they start to draw it out then shift your combs to the outside and put your foundation in the centre, and you have evenly filled up combs. I know the difficulty there is with uncapped combs drawn out or filled with honey between full drawn combs.

The President: That difficulty would not occur where they are in the brood chamber and other combs were filled with brood.

Mr. McEvoy: The question was about what difference there would be in the quantities of honey from tests made, and by that means you would find out whether the foundation was

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