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Mr. Darling : I have never made a success of breaking down queen cells. After the cells have been broken down once or twice the bees will swarm and not leave any queen cells behind. The only advantage I found in breaking them was to prevent after swarms.

Mr. Pettit : In connection with breaking down queen cells the point is as to how far advanced they are. If they are only eggs it works alright and retards them for another week or perhaps does away with the swarming entirely. If the queen cells have larvae in them it is risky.

Mr. Dickenson : I do not think we could recommend cutting out queen cells when there are just eggs in those cells. I think we might overlook several cells and our labor will be for nothing. Whenever I notice an egg in a cell I go to work and hive my colony. I don't allow them to run me. Instead of waiting till the sun is very hot and ave fifteen or twenty swarms come out in a day. I have thirty in a day and take a nice cool day for it. I don't see wherein it is necessary to cut the queen cells out if you do that.

Mr. Chisholm : Is it dangerous to

move bees this time of the year?

Mr. Post : I should say it was not.

Mr. Chisholm : I moved fourteen colonies the week before last and after I got home people told me it was dangerous to move this time of the year.

Mr. Holtermann : Where are you going to winter them?

Mr. Chisholm : They are wintering in cold storage. I moved them for R. J. Green of Belleville. I was in there Saturday and I should say they were from five to eight degrees above freezing, I told him they were too cold, I told him he should keep it to fifteen degrees if possible.

Mr. Holtermann : That is alright.

Mr. Armstrong this is something new to me. I think if this gentleman keeps them in cold storage they will stay there till next summer and he won't have any trouble with cutting out queen cells.

Mr. Holmes : My experience in cold storage has not been a very pleasant one, but jokes aside, if our friend is wintering his bees where it is from five to eight degrees above freezing I would say they are in very good temperature.

Mr. Edmonson : I would like to ask Mr. Hall a question. You say you go through your hives once a week or eight days and if you see a colony preparing to swarm you take the bees out.

Mr. Hall : Take the brood out.

Mr. Edmonson : What do you do