

sections and give them a right good shaking, and I soon get rid of the bees, I never noticed any cappings bitten in any way. A great many people use different things in their smoker; I think there is nothing to equal planer shavings when we want a right down good smoke for a short while.

Mr. Chrysler: There would be a little danger with some bee-keepers using too much smoke, without a warning, and have the honey tainted. With proper judgement there would not be much danger in that line, unless it might be smoke from certain kinds of fuel.

Mr. Newton: Every bee-keeper will have to use his own judgement.

Mr. Shaver: As soon as the bees go down stop.

Mr. Dickson: In smoking I have used a great many things, and I must admit the shavings are the best.

Mr. Hall: Have you tried cedar bark thoroughly dry?

Mr. Dickson: Yes, and it is too hot.

Mr. Sibbald: With regard to Mr. Armstrong's question I may say I use very little smoke. As soon as the cover is taken off the bees will face you, and I smoke just to let the smoke touch the bees and they will turn around and run the other way, and then you can take the section off. My method of shaking them is as follows: I lay a three corner stick on the ground, and take the super in both hands on the outside with the ends of the sections down and just tap gently until they start to run; and then when you get them running pretty well a few shakes will shake them all off, and in the middle of the season I have taken off 500 sections in about an hour and had them all loaded on my wagon. There is one thing I ought to mention; when the

honey is very warm in the afternoon if you hit too hard you may break the sections. I had one case where there were three or four in the centre broken. I knew what did it, and I now know to avoid it.

Mr. McEvoy: At the close of the season supposing they were a little bi inclined to rob? t

Mr. Sibbald: You do your work so quick, and when you are shaking them they cannot catch on, and when you get them out you take it away.

Mr. Newton: I never turn the point of my smoker down among my sections; I always turn it straight so that the smoke goes above. If it went down it would be apt to taint the cappings of the sections.

Mr. McEvoy: Take an ordinary man, and he drives them down with a great smoking, and those bees are going to have revenge, and they set to work and chip the capping.

Mr. Newton: As regards escapes, I had one case that sickened me of them: it might have been my fault; my escapes got clogged, and I think I had four nice supers which I did not go back to until the next morning, and when I did they were not worth much.

Mr. Brown: That has been my experience with the escape. I have used only one, and my experience has been like that.

Mr. Shaver: I am like Mr. Newton, I have one, and that is one too many.

Mr. Newton: There has been a great deal of discussion on the American side about bee escapes, and I find there are a great many who have discarded them on the ground that they spoiled so many sections. I believe that one reason is they are not put on at the right time, and another is they are apt to get clogged.