

brood chamber between top bars. This is due to correct spacing of combs. If you have the bee space underneath the combs as Mr. Holtermann has said, you can have the bottom of the super resting on the top bars or queen excluder or covering, as the case may be, and you have your combs held firm.

We hear a great deal about moving bees for better pasture in different places on account of the difference in weather, showers, drought and all these things but I think in the long run we will average up about as well if we stay just where we are.

Mr. Armstrong : I would say that it pays, I have moved bees for the last ten or fifteen years. I have shipped them on the cars and the highest rate I ever paid was \$1.50 a colony and that was from my place to New Brunswick. I do not think it will ever be necessary for any person to move two hundred miles for fresh pasturage. About seventeen miles is as far as I move and I never moved them yet but that it paid and paid well. I do not quite agree with Mr. Holtermann about the frame sticking together. I thought in moving bees we wanted them to stick together. If you have everything arranged alright, with the right space, you will have very little burr combs. I can take out three frames with the self spacing Hoffman frame and you cannot do it with any other frame except by adopting the method which Mr. Hall uses.

Mr. Hall : It has paid me every time I have moved these, with one exception when the Lord did not give us any honey. It cost me fifty cents a hive to get them there and back again.

Mr. Lott : There are years we do not get a surplus of buckwheat honey when we ship south but usually get enough for wintering and we

are amply repaid then. Generally speaking after running for a crop of clover honey, extracting from the first to the tenth of July, then comes the basswood a about the 12th July to 26th or 27th and then shipping from the 1st to 5th August to the buckwheat field, our hives are usually very light and they then are usually filled upwell for winter quarters, if nothing else.

An advantage to anyone who lives along the lakes is that you can ship very reasonably by boat. Also with a local railway you get better rates than upon some of the larger railways. Generally speaking it pays us well to move.

Mr. Byer : There is one important element which Mr. McEvoy I think is forgetting to take into consideration, and that is the element of chance.

Mr. Darling : In regard to keeping frames firm while moving bees, I would put two springs right on each side on the end of the frame and hold them down on the rabbets. My frames hang crosswise of the hives and I have never had a frame get out of place. I hold them down with wire nails or screw nails.

Mr. Pettit : From the general opinions that have been expressed I think the question resolves itself down to whether your space is above or below the frame. Each man who gets up to speak must let it be known whether his space is below or above. If above I would think that mentioned with strips to hold down the frame; if below the top bars come even and are held down by the queen excluder or cover or what ever it is.

Mr. Darling : Even with the space below, I fancy I should put the strip on and then the frames would not slide.

Mr. Edmonson : Do you nail each frame separately?