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QUESTION DRAWER

Conducted by Mr. J. F. Miller

Question: Would you advise packing to be put over cellar wintered bees when they are taken out in the spring?

Mr. Miller: I tried that for some years when I wintered in the cellar and at that time I thought it was a very great advantage. But like a great many other things, as we go on, I am now undecided whether it is or is not. I packed until the last couple of years, since I quit packing in the spring I can see but very little difference.

Mr. Sibbald: I would endorse what Mr. Miller says, it is my experience; I don't put anything on now in the spring after setting them out.

Mr. Dickenson: I spring-packed the time but I have given it up; I have got cases and I don't use them; I don't find any advantage in it.

The President: If you have a telephone hive cover that don't sit quite tight the bees will be quieter than if

you have a flat board cover laid on top of the quilts.

Mr. Dickenson: I have a half story; I cushion them up and I cover them over—I put four or five thicknesses of newspaper; I use newspapers altogether.

The President: What cover does Mr. Sibbald use?

Mr. Sibbald: I have a flat board, that is all.

Question: What is or may be the reason for a large number of bees being on the grass around the hives during the buckwheat flow?

Mr. Pettit: Some say that buckwheat honey acts as poison on some bees.

Mr. Brown: I am in a district where buckwheat is sown considerably and I never noticed any very great difference except that the bees did not lie out as much on the grass as in the clover flow when the sun is hot.

Mr. Post: My experience is the same as Mr. Brown's: I never saw any difference between buckwheat and any other flow, but you will see a colony occasionally that crawls out and there are a great many bees at the entrance and I think they call it bee paralysis.

Mr. Holtermann: I had a case. I went to one of the out yards this fall and there were a great many bees lying around in the grass. It had been a foggy morning; the bees worked late in the afternoon and got