

opinion that no better means could be found in the way of feeding to eradicate foul brood.

A. M. Gander.—If his bees required reeding and he had no honey of his own, he would certainly feed sugar in preference to purchasing foreign honey of which he knew nothing.

W. Z. Hutchinson.—Was satisfied that where sugar could be bought for 6cts. that it would pay better to allow the bees to store the honey in the surplus department until the end of the season, then to be feed up on sugar stores for the winter.

F. H. Macpherson.—Said, that at the late meeting of the O. B. K. A. a resolution was passed condemning the feeding of sugar except as a last resort. To the comb honey producer it was certainly a better investment to allow the honey to be stored in the surplus department. With extracted honey at its present low figure there was little profit, after considering the extra trouble which was incurred in feeding sugar, over the original stores.

R. L. Taylor.—Asked if any one had known cases were dark honey gathered in the fall had been carried up to the sections the following spring.

A. I. Root.—Had never heard of it.

Geo. E. Hilton.—Had found such the case to a small extent.

Some one in the room asked if there was not great danger of the sugar syrup granulating.

R. L. Taylor.—Had never been troubled in that way, but thought there was no danger providing the syrup was properly made.

F. H. Macpherson.—Stated that an experienced bee-keeper in Canada had told him at the O. B. K. A. that there was more danger of granulation with honey which had been fed back than with sugar syrup; one of the greatest drawbacks to feeding back honey was in this particular.

BEES VS. GRAPES.

Prof. Cook.—Explained that there were differences between bee and grape men. He believed that bees did not injure *sound* grapes; when they crack open the bees certainly get at them. Something should be done to ensure harmony between these two classes of industry.

Mr. Puhl.—Had no hesitation in say-

ing that bees did not injure grapes, unless they were broken open.

Dr. Mason.—Felt much like Rev. W. F. Clarke, that he was either going to keep his neighbors good natured, or move his bees away to some spot where they would not trouble others.

R. L. Taylor.—Concurred with Dr. Mason. He thought there were objections to be urged against the Bee-keepers' Union, and was satisfied that most of the suits were the outgrowth of spite.

H. D. Cutting.—Was opposed to any form of legislation and thought that the one industry was equally as important as the other, if the fruit growers wished to pit themselves against the bee-keepers, then, let it be the survival of the fittest. Bees have never touched sound grapes.

A. I. Root.—Wanted the bee-keepers to be careful and not get quarrelsome. Thought a great deal of the responsibility rested with the bee-keepers. We should do all we can to live peacefully with all men.

Prof. Cook.—Thought while bees were troublesome at times they were of too great value to allow the little trouble they gave to stand in the way of the industry. In the future if the people were educated to that effect there would be little to fear. He hoped that the State Horticultural Society and the State Bee-keepers' Association could arrange to meet at the same place and during the same week next year. In the meantime the matter of "bagging" should be talked up.

Mr. Bingham.—Desired to talk of the Bee-keepers' Union. He did not like its objects or methods, nor did he care to meet trouble half way. He felt that most of the suits had grown out of spite and animus. When bees first come out of the hive and commence to fly they always establish their line of flight; if you plant trees along the road side, or along your neighbor's fence, that line will be established over these trees, and children may play beneath their shade within ten feet of the hives without the least danger of being stung. He was satisfied that this planting of shade trees was one great preventive of trouble. As to the best trees for the purpose, there was something more than beauty to be considered. It was a troublesome thing taking swarms from