

would give the exact amount of honey produced by them it would not be an estimate of the honey produced in the Province. Each year should be given compared with the year previous and number of the bees in the vicinity compared with the year previous in order to estimate prices and to get anything like satisfactory results from the estimate.

The President appointed Messrs. Darling, Sibbald, Gemmell, Byer and Newton as the Committee on a question of the revision of the foul brood act.

### QUESTION DRAWER

Conducted by Mr. Chrysler

Question: Does stimulative feeding in the spring pay and in what way?

Mr. Chrysler: I don't believe in it. Early spring stimulating is inclined to wear out the life of the bees before the honey crop is ready to gather and they are not as strong or they may not be any stronger than they would have been if they had not been stimulated. Of course there are times when we should feed, say, between fruit bloom and clover, that pays well, in order to keep them from starving and keep the brood fed and in good health.

Mr. Dickenson: I would say that stimulative feeding pays me. I generally have a certain amount of honey I want to feed back and I would like to follow it up.

Question: How to unite light colonies and when?

Mr. Chrysler: In August or the first of September; I just simply go and set one on top of the other for a few days and get them all in one hive body; if they needed feeding for the winter I would feed them then. I would pay no attention to the queens; they settle that themselves.

Mr. Dickenson: Unless you knew one queen was better than another?

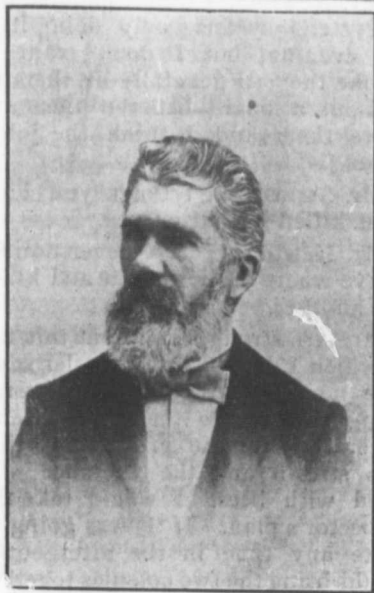
Mr. Chrysler: Oh, certainly.

Mr. Byer: Wouldn't a number of bees go back to their old stand?

Mr. Chrysler: I wouldn't care very much for that.

Mr. McEvoy: Did I understand Mr. Chrysler to say he would simply set one on top of the other and unite them?

Mr. Chrysler: I would set them on top of one another and let them be like that for a few days when I would come along again and dispose of the



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frames not occupied and get them all in one hive body, they would be one colony then.

Mr. McEvoy: I would get the bees to fill themselves pretty thoroughly upon their own stand and do the work in the evenings as late as I could do it and then unite them at once. I would raise the hive two or three inches from the bottom and shake the bees down and let them run in and give them a fair smoking so as to knock all the fight out of them.