

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—(1). Don't know. (2). Have given up the use of separators.

J. ALPAUGH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.—(1). I do not know. (2). I use them without separators.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—I use wide frames with separators, and am well pleased.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—(1). A super with separators I think. (2). A super with separators, always.

C. W. POST, MURRAY.—(1). No separators used in my locality. (1). I prefer a super without separators.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY.—I do not know what the "general usage" is, but I use separators mostly in producing comb honey.

M. EWIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—(1). About equal. (2). I prefer a super holding nine tiers of sections with two separators, leaving three sections between each separator.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I don't know, I think with. (2). I have tried both ways and couldn't do without separators except to raise honey for home use.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—(1). In my locality a super with separators. (2). I prefer and use separators every time, with anything over 1½ thick.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE.—(1). I don't know. (2). For home trade I prefer no separators. If honey is to be shipped perhaps the sections would be built in a little better shape with separators. Less honey in the super, with separator.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—(1). I don't know which is in general use. I presume that there are now more sections produced without separators than with them. (2). I use separators with some hives, and on some I don't. It depends very much on the skill of the apiarist as to how nice his honey will be, separators or no separators.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—(1). Without separators. (2). I use both, and hardly know which I prefer. Very much depends upon the honey market one drives to, and the success he has in getting nice, straight cards of honey, without the use of separators. It is quite a trade to get nice combs in sections where no separators are used, but it can readily be done. All depends.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—I use separators altogether, for with them I can get my sections so filled that they will all pack nicely. I do not find that any more honey is stored when they are not used, and to me the fact that all sections will pack, is a matter of value. Others may differ, but then localities differ also. In answering these queries it must be borne in mind that, each answers from his own standpoint; so the readers must figure for themselves out of the multiplicity of answers given.

BY THE EDITOR.—It depends on the width of sections. Broad sections should have separators, or, rather, they require them more than the narrower ones. If we wish our comb honey in the finest possible shape separators must be used, but by inverting the sections or section crate at the proper time, almost as nice honey may be secured—nice enough, at all events, for all practical and commercial purposes. I see that most of the Canadian bee-keepers who reply to this question say "no separators," while most of the Americans advocate their use.

#### Bruce Bee-Keepers Association.

THE above Association met as per adjournment at Edengrove on January 30th, with a good attendance and interest, and several new members gained.

The meeting was opened by a paper from Abram Rowand, "The Bee at Home."

"Which is the best way to feed Bees in winter to keep from starving till safe to open?"

Feed candy on top of frames was considered best.

"Full sheets of foundation or starters, which is most profitable?"

Majority in favor of full sheets. Get too much drone comb by using starters.

'Cellar or clamp wintering, which is considered the best?'

Cellar wintering, where practicable, was considered best; should have some protection in spring after setting out of cellar.

"Do bees work on potato vines, and get poisoned by so doing?"

None present have seen bees on potato vines.

Controlling Increase.—John Harkley practices the following plan: When colony swarms, set swarm on old stand; turn the old hive facing opposite four feet at the back of swarm, so as to allow the field bees to go in with new swarm, then turn and set beside new swarm to allow young bees to go into new swarm, then put the frames with brood wherever there is room for them. By so doing you let your bees swarm and still have no increase.

Some others were in favor of contracting brood-chamber, and giving room above.

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#### A CORRECTION.

An error occurs in E. L. Goold & Co.'s ad. in this issue. Their address is Brantford, not Brampton.