

pressed into these round bricks.

Mr. Darling : Take wormwood that has been dried and see what that will do ? They are conquered right off.

Mr. Fixter : I have tried all that has been spoken of here to-day and one more ; it is the last one but I think the best, it is to get an old sack that has been thrown away and roll it up the length of your smoker and the size just to fit and put a little oil or anything on the end of it, or put a few shavings in, and I find it lasts longer and there is no smell to it, and there is no oil about the end of the smoker, and it will give sufficient smoke to hide the colony as Mr. McEvoy says. I think this is adopted by Mr. Cogshall and very many of the largest bee-keepers in the world.

Mr. McEvoy : I have tried it and I agree that it is first rate.

Question 4. Can we maintain the present better prices for honey and how ?

Mr. Miller : It is too heavy a question for me. The only way I see is what was spoken of yesterday. I think the exchange would largely help us. It would help the small producer and the man who has an outlet ; I think it would help all.

Question 5. Which is the most advisable, to have hives of bees placed under natural shade or in the open and shade artificially when necessary ?

Mr. Miller : I would say in the open in the spring, if I can have the shade of a tree during the busy season ; at that time I like the bees under shade for other reasons, but early in the spring when the trees first leaf out I prefer to have them in the open ; not being able to have them both I place them always under a tree when possible.

The President : I think when we

have natural shade, unless it is too dense it is better than using a shade board.

Mr. Fixter : I think myself that an apiary is better in the open and provide additional shade. Supposing your trees are high, look at the great disadvantage you have in taking down your swarms ; besides in the season of the year that you want to work in the mornings it is always cooler under the trees ; where you have it out in the open and just have trees enough, small ones, for the swarms to light on I think it would be better than to have them under high trees.

Mr. Dickenson : I don't see any difficulty in bees going into trees. If your queen is clipped it is no detriment, I don't care how high they are.

Mr. McEvoy : I endorse Mr. Miller's plan. In hot days in the summer, speaking of the bees, it is not the bees always ; we have got to look out for ourselves, and it is more comfortable under the shade, and at that time the bees do just as well as they do out in the open, but in the spring the advantage is in favor of the heat the more warmth the bees then get the better, so go back to the old first lesson, all day in the spring, morning and evening and summer as far as heat is concerned. As far as swarms are concerned, we don't care anything about that, we clip. Is that the way with you Mr. Miller ?

Mr. Miller : Yes.

Mr. Pirie : Do you get as much honey under the shade ?

Mr. McEvoy : I have part in an part out and I wish I had shade for them all.

Mr. Patterson : They will work longer in the sun in the evening I like them under the shade in the day.

Mr. Hall : I don't see how you can have them work longer than from

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