

should be so blind to his own interest as to stand aloof from so useful a society.

I was surprised at receiving only six applications for the services of the Inspector of Apiaries during the year and wrote Mr. McEvoy asking him to let me know what applications he had received and what apiaries he had visited. The inspector refused to give me this information and quoted some old resolution passed in the time of the late Mr. Pringle forbidding him to give any information of this kind except to the Minister of Agriculture.

If any such resolution is on the books of the Association it is of no force whatever as by the Statutes of Ontario the Inspector has no authority to visit any apiary unless sent by the President of the Society. See section "3" Chap. 283, R. S. O. 1897.

Section 6 of the same Act provides a fine of not less than \$20 or more than \$50 or imprisonment for one or two months for any owner who conceals the fact that foul brood exists among his bees.

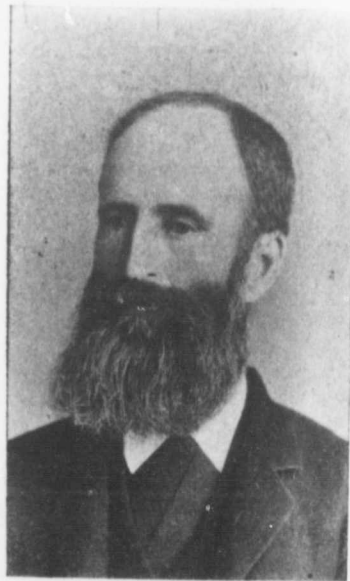
Section 10 of the same Act reads: "Every bee-keeper or other person who is aware of the existence of foul brood either in his own apiary or elsewhere shall immediately notify the President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, of the existence of such disease and in default of so doing shall on summary consideration before a justice of the peace be liable to a fine of \$5 and costs."

Section 12 of said Act orders the Association to report to the Minister of Agriculture each year, the number of colonies destroyed and the locality where found, so that the secrecy sought to be observed is contrary to the law and absurd.

I think the Association should seek for the authority to appoint a

Sub-Inspector in each of its districts and thus save unnecessary travelling expenses and that in future our Presidents should strictly enforce the law that no Inspector or Sub-Inspector inspects any apiary unless directed by the President for the time being. It would be well to have a by-law passed defining the duties of the Inspectors and the Act for the suppression of foul brood among bees, printed in the minutes of this session.

I greatly regret that through some



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misunderstanding, Prof. Harrison, of Guelph was not in a position to carry out his experiments in treating foul brood with formalin. He wrote the secretary early this season asking for samples of foul and black brood and asked that Mr. Gemmell supply them unfortunately through delay in the correspondence and the fact that the Sub-Inspector was busy, samples were not sent until it was too late and we will have no report this sea-

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