

ment part in this particular discussion, it seems to me to be entirely against his wishes, and but for being almost driven to it, he would have preferred to say nothing. But, after all, nearly the whole subject of legislation for bee-keepers, as presented and discussed at Toronto, properly belonged to a meeting of the Ontario Association, and not to the North American. It was principally a Canadian affair, in which the great majority of the United States bee-keepers there present felt little if any interest. However, now that all is past, the sooner that part of the Toronto convention is forgotten the better."

Since the above has come out in the way it has, we think it is only fair to Canadians to say that no Canadian is responsible for this. Mr. Hutchinson, of Flint, Mich., the secretary, asked Mr. McKnight to give the address or paper without consulting the Executive. Mr. Hutchinson well knew Mr. McKnight's views on the proposed Pure Honey legislation, and we cannot understand how he could expect anything but trouble over the paper. We do not think that any one attaches any blame to Mr. Pettit at Toronto, but Mr. McKnight attempted his usual tactics of interrupting Mr. Pettit, and in that way breaking the effect of what Mr. Pettit had to say. We remember very well at Lindsay, Mr. Pringle took the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal to task for not allowing *every one* to speak before he, the giver of the paper, replied. Why does Mr. Pringle not take Mr. McKnight to task for interrupting not between speakers, but a speaker. But we will show these two gentlemen, when speaking to one another, open their lips only to praise and support one another. We think Mr. Pettit for a public man is sometimes a little too "thin skinned" and notices remarks and actions which for the sake of the convention would be as well unnoticed. On the other hand we must remember he has at times been severely provoked and openly attacked for advancing the best interests of bee-keepers.

Mr. Clarke's Foul Brood.

—WM. McEVVOX, Foul Brood Inspector.

I did my best to get Mr. Clarke to cure his little apiary of foul brood the same as other people, which he did not do and would not, then there was nothing left for me but to burn his rotten colonies for the public good. When I examined Mr. Clarke's five colonies of bees in October, 1895 I found one colony rotten with foul brood I would have burned it at once but he promised to destroy it the next morning, and asked Mr. Merrywether (the constable who I took with me) to come and help him. I thought the matter over and instead of burning it myself I thought I would trust him to do that. Before I left Mr. Clarke he wanted to know if I should not have seen him before I burned his foul broody colonies. I replied saying "yes I should," and I say so yet, if he was home. But if he was away from home then I had no right to wait to see him before I burned his foul broody colonies when I had done everything possible time after time to get him to cure them, and could not get him to do his duty like other men. Then seeing of Mr. Clarke before I burned his four rotten foul broody colonies, would not have stopped me from burning his foul stuff that I had so often done my best to get him to cure. I have to see that foul brood is stamped out for the public good when the owners won't do their duty. Mr. Clarke is mailing printed matter saying that I apologized for my official treatment of him and became convinced that he has been misunderstood and misrepresented. I agree with Mr. Clarke that I should have seen him before I burned the foul broody colonies, but I did not apologize for burning the rotten worthless colonies that were nearly dead with foul brood. And when he says that I have become convinced that he has been misunderstood and misrepresented, he has published what is not true. I positively declare that I never said one word that would lead him to think so. If I were to say that I believe that Mr. Clarke had been misunderstood and misrepresented I would be saying that I did not believe several of the most honest and upright men in the province of Ontario.

It would not have been any use in me going to see Mr. Clarke before I burned the four worthless colonies, as he would not have done it and then I would have had to do it all the same. And if Mr. Clarke was away in the United States or anywhere from home, he must not for one moment