

## Letters to the Editor

### THAT NORFOLK RESOLUTION

Dear Sir,—It was with considerable surprise, and also indignation, that the writer read that marvellous and nervy resolution in the March C.B.J. that was passed by the Norfolk County's Bee-keepers' Association, viz.: "That they earnestly solicit the Minister of Agriculture to cut off the foul brood inspectors east of Northumberland County, and that more be appointed for the West." I presume around Norfolk County. Note that word "inspectors." You would imply that we are fairly loaded down here with inspectors, when, as a matter of fact, we in the East have just **one solitary inspector** for the thirteen counties in the territory alluded to. Not much territory, that, for one man to cover in one season! Where did the idea originate that there is little or no disease in these thirteen counties? Certainly not from Mr. Holmes; for he, nor no other man, could investigate 25 per cent of the apiaries in these thirteen counties in one season. Yet, forsooth, after **one** season's work they would call off our one inspector and appoint another in the West. Surely the originator of this resolution is not a bee-keeper, or else he must have given the matter very little thought. Wonderful Provincial protection this would be! What if there is not much foul brood in the eastern part of this Province? All the more reason why our inspector should be left with us. If an infectious disease, such as diphtheria, breaks out in a few families in any of our towns, do our health officers say: "Oh, well, there is not very much of it. I guess we will let it go just now till it gets worse, and then we will centre all our energies on it." Do they not rather use every means in their power to curb it and prevent it spreading? And I hold, Mr. Editor, that the same means should

apply in the case of the disease known as foul brood. I hope, sir, that the inspection for this district will be left as it is, at any rate till we are absolutely sure that there is none of the dread disease left.

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### NO LADDERS

To the Editor of C.B.J.:

I noticed a valuable article from the pen of George W. Strangways, of Elora, headed "No Ladders in This Yard." I read it with much interest, for that is just how my yard is run, and has been for the past five years. His plan is somewhat the same as mine, only I use a box instead of a pail and a pole, say, about twenty feet long, with a small pulley attached to the top, and a quarter-inch rope double the length of pole, with a small snap to one end, and the rope over the pulley at the top of pole. The box is made of very light material and long enough to take one comb in the centre and an entrance the same as the hive and a bail at each end to take the end tip off. The cover is left loose, so it can be lifted off and placed on top of the hive already on the stand, minus one comb. Now here is the course of my procedure. When a swarm issues and flies about for a little, I take the pole and snap the small snap in both bails and pull the other end thus raising the box up to the bees, and wind the rope around a five or six-inch wire spike driven through the pole at convenient distance from the ground, and hold the box there. The sooner the box is up to the bees the better. I have never failed in a single instance to get them this way in five years. When the box is thus placed, if you have anything else to do, go and do it; if not, hunt a nice comb place to sit or lie down for a few minutes till the bees go in; then go and loosen the rope and let them down steadily, and unsnap the rope and carry to

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