

Reports to hand indicate the rapid progress that is being made in various parts of the Dominion in the work of organizing the bee-keeping industry. On another page we reprint the Foul Brood Bill that has just become law in British Columbia, which, our readers will note, amongst its various provisions, empowers the authorities to quarantine imported bees for nine months, if necessary, or to destroy them should they be found to be diseased. Two Foul Brood Inspectors have been already appointed, E. Leonard Harris, Vernon, B. C., for the eastern half, and Dundas Todd, Victoria, B. C., for the western half of the Province. We understand that, so far, there is not a single undoubted case of Foul Brood in the region, and thus it will be seen that the action of the Department of Agriculture is entirely precautionary.

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Last week something entirely new in bee-keeping educational work in Ontario was carried out in Hastings and Northumberland. Four Bee Institutes were conducted, with afternoon and evening sessions, at the following places: Stirling, Wallbridge, Campbellford and Warkworth. For a beginning, the attendance was good in each place. County Associations have been organized in each of the counties. Last month we referred to the vigorous educational policy that is being carried out by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, through the persons of Messrs. Hodgetts and Morley Pettit. Behind the activities we record from month to month we are certain to find these two gentlemen. On the latter devolves the practical work of organizing, and great success is attending his efforts. During the past few weeks, County Associations have been formed in Wellington, Lincoln and Welland, as well as in Hastings and Northumberland, as previously mentioned. Huron and Leeds have also been organized this year. At the present rate it will soon

be possible to state that half the counties of Ontario are organized for the advancement of bee-keeping.

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There is a great and encouraging demand for apiary demonstrations all through Ontario, and the Provincial apiarist's services are in constant request. Last fall the Simcoe County Association decided to spend the grant on apiary demonstrations during the coming season, and since then most of the other Associations have taken the matter up.

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We learn that the short course for Apiary Instructors to be held May 1st to 6th is also attracting considerable attention. Applications are coming in from as far east as Stormont County in Ontario, and Massachusetts in the States. Indeed it would seem that the gathering promises to be somewhat larger than what the authorities bargained for. The Disease Conference, especially, will be a great and epoch making meeting. We trust every bee-keeper in Ontario who is interested will make an effort to attend. With a view of saving bee-keepers the expense of travelling to Guelph, suggestions have emanated from Essex and Leeds counties that short courses be held in convenient localities. We hope the Department will view this development of the "short course" idea in a favorable light. Anyhow, we imagine that if the demand exists and is sufficiently insistent, we shall find that the requests of the bee-keepers will meet with a favorable and sympathetic response from the Department.

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We learn from Mr. N. E. France that the next convention of the National Bee-keepers' Association will be held at the Court House, Minneapolis, Minn., on August 30-31. This will be during the week preceding that in which the Minnesota State Fair will be held, so that there is a promise of good board and

lodging from 75 cents. The present membership is 4,440.

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Every bee-keeper should have a new edition of Hutch Bee Culture. A great bee man.

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Our sympathies are for those who desire to modify the instinct of bees. -It seems we are at issue with nature, and perhaps we are to state just where we are it that swarming occurs becomes conscious of himself and his successors which usually takes place in so full of stores that the bees must remain inactive or Swarm. Swarming comprises a natural phenomena, apparently common, but not understood. Whilst in perhaps, out of a hundred colonies, only a few are skillful manipulation, perhaps there are the five that their perverseness, no may do. Doubtless the responding percentage is ninety-five that take the bait and appear anxious to be bee-keepers. In other words, variability in the swarm bee. We have yet, however, the colony that is non-conformist in any circumstances. We are correct in the statement of variability from practice between which the process may operate. What all this may be perpetuated; but it will not go beyond a certain level of excellence; how little the swarming influenced by selection, our readers that prior to the modern methods