

bees. What! Boil the bees? Yes. Surely you are not going to take these bees and just throw them all into your nice clean hive without boiling or scalding their little feet, are you? I said, Never mind the hive at all. I will be responsible for it if you will thoroughly cleanse those bees of the honey. An empty hive can't give the disease. The bees do not feed lumber to the larvæ.

Mr. Robb—I would like to ask Mr. McEvoy if foul brood in Ontario is on the increase or on the decrease.

Mr. McEvoy—No. We had it seeded down in thirty-seven counties, but after all that has been written and spoken, it is wearing out; it will never again be bad in Ontario, if we had no inspectors at all, from the simple fact that the people understand it pretty well now.

Mr. Cogshall—Which is the most contagious, black or foul brood?

Mr. McEvoy—Of the two I would sooner take my chances and treat the black than the foul, unless the foul was thoroughly done.

Mr. Byer—Mr. President and Gentlemen: I wish to say I agree thoroughly with our friend Mr. Wright when he suggested to Dr. White that he should put European foul brood first. Some three or four years ago at our Ontario Convention the question was asked, Have we got European foul brood or black brood in Ontario? We have got European foul brood in Ontario at the present time. There is no question about that, on account of its great virulence and a little difference in the way it seems to act as compared with the way Mr. Wright says it acts in New York State. In the first place, where this outbreak has occurred in Ontario it only covers about ten miles square, and a good honey flow has had no effect upon it. It has increased by leaps and bounds. Apiaries that have it in the middle of June are wiped out by September. I have seen larvæ at the age of three or four days dead, just as if a blight had gone over it. I am thoroughly convinced it is not through robbing alone that this disease is spread.

It might be a good thing for Dr. White and others to investigate this disease. In my opinion we practically know all we need know in regard to American foul brood. I don't rush after it, but I do dread it; it has no terrors for me, but I do dread European foul brood. Dr. White told us that practically nothing is known of how this disease is spread. I hope steps will be taken to find that out. I am a honey producer and depend upon honey for a living, and I told Mr. Holtermann, while I did not dread American foul brood, when I got out where the European outbreak was it made me shiver. I am not so sure as to McEvoy treatment being as effective against European foul brood as it is with American foul brood. I do not agree with him that it is easily treated. If he went out for one day where this outbreak in Ontario is he would agree with me. The American is not to be compared to the European foul brood as we have in Ontario. We hear that we got it from New York State. I don't know where we got it, but the fact remains that we have got it, and I earnestly hope steps will be taken at Washington and Ottawa to combat this terrible scourge.

Dr. Phillips—In view of the fact Mr. Byer has spoken of the danger of European foul brood, it might be of interest to get an idea as to where European foul brood is now found in the United States. As near as we know, it was first discovered in New York in 1887, and in 1899 they began to fight it in that State. For a long time it was not outside of the Mohawk Valley. To understand, it is now found in several parts of New York State and in sixteen other States of the Union.

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well as in Canada. It is spreading very rapidly, and may be a very serious European disease. I have to say it is a very serious disease, and some steps are being taken.

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Mr. Holtermann reports made to the Commission from any other source than the one he has mentioned. The Government is making a very serious study of the disease, and now it covers a large area. I think between the Dominion Government and the provinces we can stamp out even this disease, if found.

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