

vices, suggesting at the same time that I should advise those parties in advance of the date of my proposed visit. I accordingly acted as advised and started on my work on July 13th, St. Marys and vicinity being the point of contact.

I was met at St. Mary's station by Mr. J. W. Somers, who piloted me about in the country the remainder of the day in part of Blanshard and Downie Townships. The first place we visited objections were made by the good lady of the house to our touching the bees. Her husband was from home, and, by the way she talked, there was something very sacred about their bees, and no one could nor should handle them but her good man. I tried to assure her that as few bees as possible would be killed, but that didn't seem to satisfy her, and I had to go on with the work against her will. There were seven colonies in all and jammed tightly together, forming quite a rampart. We were not long, however, in removing a super after prying it apart from the brood chamber, and were soon up to the knees in honey—the honey, at least, was streaming down my pant legs when lifting the super aside. With the greatest difficulty we got a comb or two out of three or four of the hives, but in no case all, and from the remainder not a comb could be removed. There was no foul brood found, but considerable dead larvæ—larvæ which had almost been at the capping point. In our various calls that afternoon we only located one case of foul brood.

St. Marys town was the field for next day's work, and foul brood was found to be rampant. Mr. W. B. Stone seemed to have all who were, or had been, keeping bees well looked up, as I was taken to two places where the bees had laid down their spears and their hives were turned into hencoops.

On my second visit I found some had destroyed their bees and others had tried to cure. On this same visit I was taken in a southwesterly direction in Blanshard township as far as the County of Middle-

sex, some five miles. We visited five apiaries in our trip and found foul brood in three of the five.

I was accidentally taken into the County of Oxford to Mr. Fergus McMaster's, who has a large apiary—a man of 63 years' experience with bees, and yet but few of his colonies could be gone through.

I was called to Centralia, County Huron, and had the liberty of inspecting where the applicants wanted; that was in Clandeboye and Lucan, County of Middlesex. I didn't find any American foul brood, nor yet any run on the European plan, but in Clandeboye I found what I would almost take to be a foul brood nursery. I found a great deal of dead larvæ in one yard, and in a single instance, at least, it was traced to improper manipulation. A colony of bees had swarmed; the remaining bees were shaken off the combs and the whole hive of hungry larvæ given to a weak colony, resulting in the death of nearly all the brood.

My services were applied for in Stephen Township, Huron County, where nearly three days were spent visiting apiaries, and I am pleased to report that not a single case of foul brood was found.

Foul brood still lingers in Stratford, it being found in three yards out of seven visited, and the gentleman who piloted me around didn't think there was any before we started on our mission.

I wrote to three different parties in and around Listowel, enquiring if they knew of any foul brood in their locality and they all replied in the negative. I might just say that foul brood has been in my neighborhood for at least seventeen years, and is there yet.

In all I inspected 53 apiaries and found foul brood in 15, leaving 38 in which none was detected. This was done at a total cost of \$95.20.

I would just like to add that when on duty I was impressed with the extent of the missionary work which has been done by Mr. Wm. McEvoy. He is a man whom Canadians should feel proud of. In

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