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A correspondent from the east writes as follows: "Say! Don't you pity us in Eastern Ontario? After all that has been published in the Journals and in Government Bulletins describing foul brood and its treatment in detail, and after the various shipments of infected bees coming into these counties from the west, we are thought to be so very dense that a man has to be sent from the WEST to ascertain if we have really got the real thing!" Inasmuch as the King's Government is responsible for this, we think we had better leave the expression of opinion to those in the east who are affected. We might be charged with lese majeste.

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The Ontario Bulletin No. 166, appearing elsewhere, gives a very good resume of the apicultural conditions of the past year. The Department is doing good work for the bee-keepers of Ontario. The careful preparation of the bulletin is very creditable to the Department. It is to be greatly regretted that so many bee-keepers remain indifferent or ignorant of the efforts of the Department in their behalf. Fifteen hundred bee-keepers made reply to the enquiries of the Government. It is this class of persons who constitute the real menace to our industry. Many of them are afraid of Government enquiries and inspection. They live away in isolated places with only a few hives, and are often overlooked by the inspector. If these people could be made to believe that a visit from an inspector would greatly benefit them, whether they had foul brood or not, by rea-

son of the good advice and assistance he could give them, a great step in advance would be made. A careful reading of the reports will convince us of the splendid food qualities of sugar syrup for winter stores. Buckwheat honey is good for winter food, but we are never sure how far it is mixed with honey-dew; especially is this the case if the buckwheat is left in the supers until late in September. Honey-dew is one of the greatest sources of dysentery. If buckwheat is to be the winter food, let full frames be put into the brood chamber as early as possible. Avoid half-filled ones. Where sugar is not fed finally to fill up all vacant cells, these half-filled buckwheat combs are sure to be the receptacles of honey-dew. Then will follow dysentery and spring dwindling. The best plan is to feed sugar early and then feed again later on, so as to fill up all cells from which the last batch of brood has hatched.

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Mr. Wm. McEvoy, the veteran foul brood inspector, in passing through Brant County recently, gave us a call. He was accompanied by Mr. A. Comiré, of Quebec, who, at the instance of the Quebec Government, is taking a course of practical instruction with Mr. McEvoy. Mr. Comiré is anxious to get acquainted with every phase of the disease and its treatment. He has recently been appointed one of the foul brood inspectors for the Province of Quebec, and is taking this practical method of getting experience. The Minister of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec could have taken no