

n buying bees. I was buying and introducing to me, "If at you will kill a't want to kill would like to that when they reduce them in one yard I was and there were gh introducing this is a com-very small mat-and introduce or put a cage b and let the say you will do disease. I think the queen-er instructions. his cage." I't control that, he instructions. queen-breeders uld be exposed. Newton is quite don't see any eing made that y the colonies ception of three eens were put and-So. n't do that. I bee-keepers to e first glance e diseased into thing that ha luring the pas e before I cam the things w inst. We don't the bees cure oughly cleaned was a yan and I unde od bees bef the Departm that those be The Departm Mr. Smith's be

I wrote the Department that it was the bees north of St. Thomas that interested me. I asked Mr. Newton one day in London if those bees were diseased still, and he said they were.

Mr. Newton: I don't know that I said they were diseased still, because I didn't know. I told you I hadn't inspected them. I wrote to the Department saying they had been inspected by another man and that there was some trouble in connection with it and I didn't wish to enter into it, and I thought they ought to be inspected by the same man that had inspected them the first time.

Mr. Anguish: Is there any disease there now?

Mr. Newton: I can't tell you; I haven't inspected, but I have every reason to think that yard is perfectly clear at the present time.

Mr. Anguish: I try to keep my bees as strong as I can, and if I ever get foul brood it will be among my strong colonies.

Mr. Newton: I think it is unwise; I think they should never be moved from the situation where they have the disease until they are clean. Mr. Smith's bees were moved over against Aylmer in a district thoroughly clean. Just imagine them being set down in a neighborhood like that. Bee-keepers interested in the disease ought to use the Inspectors in every way to help along their work.

During the past season I inspected 137 apiaries; I had under my charge 5,704 colonies, and I found disease in 28 yards. Since we have been called off the work there has been a report from several parts where I have no doubt the yards would amount to in the neighborhood of 35 or 40, mostly in Middlesex County, where the disease is existing at the present time.

A good many of them have been under treatment, but I can't tell you till next spring in what shape they are. I hope next year the work may be put on a little earlier in the season.

Mr. Atkinson: I understand you are Inspector for Middlesex. What instruc-

tions do you receive from the Department?

Mr. Newton: To examine everything as I go along. The man that has one or two colonies I would sooner go to see than the man who has fifty.

Mr. Atkinson: Do all the Inspectors have the same instructions?

Mr. Newton: They had this last year.

Inspector Burke's Report

This year the appointments were made somewhat late, but from the inspection I made I want to say that disease is not nearly so prevalent in the east as it is in the west. The bee-keepers I found in my district were all willing to coöperate with the Inspector and do all they could. Nearly all the bee-keepers I went to were anxious to have their yards inspected. I think there is still more room for Inspectors in the east. The east is so large that one man cannot go through it and do justice to it. I found disease in four yards; one yard was very bad with it, and the disease had spread from that yard to two others. Then over a hundred miles from that place I found the disease in another yard, but I do not know how it got there. I think if a colony can be saved it should be saved every time, but sometimes if a yard is badly diseased you have got to unite two or three colonies together to save them. I know in the County of Glengarry, where they have a local association, they were more anxious about it than in other parts where they have no Association. One thing I would advise is to clip the queens every spring, and by that means, if you go through every hive in the yard, if there is any foul brood you will stop it before it gets the start of you.

HOMER BURKE.

Inspector Chalmers' Report

On July 9th intelligence reached me, through Mr. Hodgetts, our worthy Secretary, of my appointment as foul brood inspector for the Counties of Huron and Perth. Accompanying this were a few names of applicants for an inspector's ser-