## EUROPEAN FOUL BROOD EXPERIENCES

BY WM. O'CONNOR.

In the spring of 1911 I had sixty-four colonies when set out of winter quarters. They were in fine shape and for a time built up fast. But after a while I noticed they were going behind, so I examined a few of them and found something wrong. These colonies appeared to be diseased, and a few days after Mr. Scott, the inspector for this district, examined them and pronounced the disease to be European Foul Brood. I reduced them to twenty-six by uniting, took away all combs, gave them all new hives and frames, put them on starters for four days, then changed again on to foundation and Italianized. They built up fast, and I got a nice lot of sections from them. Two colonies swarmed, making twenty-eight. One died during the winter, leaving twenty-seven, which I now have. They all have the disease again, but only very slightly, as they are very strong and seem to be doing well, considering the cold, wet spring, which was the worst I remember since I kept bees.

I will have to treat them all again this spring, which is very discouraging. I took the greatest of pains last spring, and put everything out of reach of the bees, immediately removed the comb from the hives, melted them, and buried all refuse and washings. If I have to do the same every spring, I don't think I will keep bees very long.

The Northumberland Bee-keepers' Association held a demonstration on June 5th at Mr. A. W. Fries', conducted by Mr. Millen. It was a great success, and we had a very nice gathering, but the reports from far and near contained news of nothing but Foul Brood—everybody seemed to have it.

## Sliding Doors for Entrances

I have used for a number of years a

contrivance for closing the entrance to the hives, and will endeavor to explain it. Those that have seen it are well pleased with it. I get a strip of galvanized iron 1½ inches wide and the length of the width of the hive. This is tacked on the hive, the lower edge coming just to the top of the entrance. Then get two pieces 1 inch wide, each piece a little longer than half the width of the hive. They are shoved inside of the strip on the hive, which holds them in place. The entrance can be removed or widened instantly with this device.

I make the inch strip a little longer than the width of the hive, and bend one end over a little, which forms a sort of handle for manipulating the sliding entrances.

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## O.B.K.A. CONVENTION

The Editor, C.B.J.:

I am sending you a copy of the programme of our annual provincial convention, which will be held in Toronto. Nov. 13th, 14th and 15th.

I would like to call the attention of your readers to some of the leading features. On the first afternoon the address and reply of the President and two Vice-Presidents will be more than a matter of form, as all three are live officers, successful bee-keepers and capable of seeing all around and through the needs and aims of the Association. Mr. Tyrrell is exceptionally well qualified to give advice on selling honey, as he has made a success of getting his product direct to the consumer at prices away above what others were getting. and he is an excellent speaker. Mr. Krouse says he cannot make a speech but just ask him questions, and he will be right in his element. His success in getting crops of honey is well known to Wellington county bee-keepers. I hope you will be able to get to Toronto in time for this first afternoon session,

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The discussion the Foul Brood important. spreading very where it is not keepers must fa ly or the busin those counties : over the whole of the session is cial value to tho increasing their out-apiaries, or ready. I need Sibbald and Mr. eminently succes Mr. Enos Farr h truck this season cess for out-apiar tario bee-keepers same, we hope tl present and add tl valuable discussio

Messrs. Dunn, I ton have not apper previously, but I Mr. Dunn is a b speaker, Mr. Hark stitute speaker an ably successful wi County, and Mr. I our rising young n on the farm. Mr. I the first of the dist to take a live interest to take a live interest under County a year or two