

Inspector's work during the proceeding year, which statement shall include the number of colonies destroyed by order of the Inspector and the localities were found, and the amount paid to him for his services and expenses for the proceeding year.

13. The directors of the said Association may from from time to time make such by-laws and regulations for the control and guidance of the Inspector in carrying out the provisions of this Act as they may deem necessary, and the said directors shall also by by-law fix the amount of the remuneration of the said Inspector and Sub-Inspector, but all such by-laws and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Agricultural.

#### An Act for the Protection of Bees.

R. S. O., 1897, Chap. 282.

1. No person in spraying or sprinkling fruit trees, during the period within which such trees are in full bloom, shall use or cause to be used, any mixture containing Paris Green or any other poisonous substance injurious to bees.

2. Any persons contravening the provisions of this Act, shall, on summary conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, be subject to a penalty of not less than \$1. and not more than \$5, with or without costs of prosecution, and in case of a fine or a fine and costs being awarded, and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the Justice may commit the offender to the common goal, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

#### A Tale of Three Toads.

A gentleman living in Denver has discovered that a toad may have as keen a sense of locality as a dog or a cat. He has been much interested in bees, and has several hives near his house. Of late, however, his attention has been quite diverted from the bees to four good sized toads that have taken up their abode under one of the larger hives. By watching them closely he discovered that position was decidedly well taken. When the bees come in laden with honey they are apt to hit the hives and fall to the ground. Then Mr. Toad's active little tongue darts out and the dazed little bee meets an unexpected doom. This, of course, was very gratifying to the toad, but very hard on the bee. The gentlemen took three of the toads, painted them a bright yellow, carried them three-quarters of a mile from the house and left them in the road. On the evening of the second day three rather weary, yellow-streaked toads resumed their positions under the hive, ready for the next day's slaughter. But their fine sense of location had to be sacrificed in the interest of the bee business—they were disposed of. But it is evident that a toad does his hopping in an intelligent manner.

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