

the sound colonies, even if they could find some all-sealed. Very true; but you can very easily secure abundance of all-capped combs by putting Miller feeders on your sound colonies in the evenings in September, and feeding these colonies all the sugar syrup you can get them to take. Then in October each of these fed colonies can spare the two outside combs, which will be nicely capped all over right down to the bottom of the frames, and with these combs you will be provided with plenty of good stores to carry out my fall method of treatment. I finished the curing of my own apiary in the fall of 1875 by this sealed comb treatment. All of my methods of treatment are of my own working out, and none of them ever failed when properly carried out.

Empty hives that had foul brood in do not need disinfecting in any way.

In treating diseased colonies never starve the bees, because it unfits them for business and makes them thin, lean and poor, and is also hard on the queens. I never starved any bees, but always tried to see how fat I could make them while treating them by feeding plenty of sugar syrup when the bees were not gathering honey.

If you have nice white combs that are clean and dry, **and that never had any brood in them**, do not destroy one of these, as they are perfectly safe to use on any colony of bees just as they are, and are very valuable to any bee-keeper. I have always saved this class of combs for every bee-keeper. I have always advised bee-keepers to convert into wax all old combs that ever had **one cell of foul brood in them**, and the only article that will take all the wax out of the old combs is a good wax press. As these will pay for themselves many times over their cost, I urge the bee-keepers everywhere to buy one.

Woodburn, Ont.

Note:—Any bee-keeper suspecting that foul brood exists in his apiary should notify at once the inspector for his district, or the Department of Agriculture Toronto. Below will be found the divisions and counties contained in each, together with the names of the inspectors.

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Division No. 6—Wm. McEvoy, Woodburn—Counties of Wentworth Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Middlesex.—Circular to Bee-keepers by Ontario Department of Agriculture.

#### Rape For Bee Pasture.

Can you give me any information re rape for bee pasture? How late can it be sown to be available before fall frosts come, or buckwheat the same? Any information will be thankfully received.—J. B., Uffington, Ont.

I would not advise sowing rape for bee pasture. The variety that blooms is the German, and is of very little value either as a honey plant or for fodder. The Dwarf Essex rape, which has been found the most useful sort for feeding purposes, does not bloom the first year. Should any plants remain in the soil over winter they will bloom similar to turnips. Buckwheat—I would not advise any one to sow buckwheat if their soil will grow clovers.—John Fixter, Macdonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

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