

with reference to the use to which the bees put brace combs. We have found in actual tests, in cases where we have removed brace combs from between the brood frames and honey-board and the honey-board and supers, that the bees crowded up more rapidly in the colonies which we left intact. The suggestion you make with reference to spreading brood causing foul-brood, is, we fancy, a statement not borne of experience. It no doubt has something to do with what we call "dead-brood," which some people mistake or foul brood, but we have tried in vain to *make* foul-brood by placing larvae in all stages in the hive when the bees could not get at it, allowing it to die. We tried this thing a whole summer, and though the odor from the decaying brood could be distinctly detected any place in the apiary, yet we could not produce the disease. We do not wish to make light of the evil of "spreading brood" in cold weather, but we wish to place on record our experience in the direction we have indicated.

Ontario Bee Keeper's Association.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING.

PURSUANT to the call of the President a meeting of the Directors of the O. B. K. A. was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on Wednesday, 23rd inst. There were present: President, Allen Pringle; Vice-President, F. A. Gemmell; Treasurer, R. McKnight; Secretary, W. Couse; and Directors, S. Cornell, J. B. Aches, W. J. Brown, A. Picket, C. W. Post, P. Bussy, F. A. Rose, J. K. Darling and F. H. Macpherson.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and adopted.

The applications for the positions of Foul Brood Inspectors were then read, and after due consideration Mr. Wm. McEvoy, Woodburn, was appointed Inspector, and Samuel Bray, Alliston, Sub-Inspector.

The following By-law was then presented and passed through its various readings, and the Secretary instructed to submit it to the Minister of Agriculture for confirmation:

"Be it enacted by the Directors of the Ontario Bee Keeper's Association, and it is hereby en-

acted: That the remuneration of the Inspector or sub-inspector (as the case may be) shall be four dollars per day, while actually at work under the the instructions of the President, and actual railway and stage fare and livery hire.

2. The Inspector or sub-inspector shall prepare and transmit to the secretary of the association a detailed statement of his work for the Association yearly, such statement to be verified by oath and to be in the hands of the Secretary at least three days previous to the annual meeting of the Association.

3. The Inspector and sub-inspector shall conform to all the rules and regulations of the Association made for their guidance.

4. The Inspector or sub-inspector shall conform to the directions of the President as to disinfecting his person and clothing."

The question of the distribution of a pamphlet treating of Foul Brood as mentioned on page 1133 of the BEE JOURNAL was introduced by F. H. Macpherson, who stated that he had interviewed the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, suggesting the advisability of the government undertaking to issue a special Bulletin, in which should be embodied a description of Foul Brood, and kindred diseases, the cure for the same, and a summary of the Act, showing the penalty for non-attention to the requirements of the law in respect to this disease, and that the Deputy-Minister had kindly consented to do all that had been asked of him providing the Association should furnish the matter for the proposed pamphlet, and he suggested that a committee be appointed to formally and officially wait on the Minister of Agriculture in connection with the matter.

On motion of Mr. Cornell, a committee, composed of F. A. Gemmell, F. H. Macpherson, D. A. Jones and the President, was appointed to wait on the Minister of Agriculture, said committee to prepare the subject matter for the pamphlet, and to do all else necessary in the premises.

After some routine business, the meeting then adjourned.

The committee appointed to wait on Hon. Mr. Drury, Minister of Agriculture, made an appointment with that gentleman for three o'clock, when Mr. Drury willingly confirmed the action of his Deputy. It will therefore be but a