

tion. I have had experience with different sizes, but every one of my extracted-honey colonies is now in a ten-frame, factory-made, dovetailed hive, and every super is the same as the lower story or body, so that all are interchangeable. I use ten Hoffman frames in the bodies, and eight loose hanging frames in the upper story, the eight frames in the ten-frame super making $1\frac{3}{4}$ " spacing, so that all combs are bulged." The above bears somewhat upon the enquiries of Beginner, whose questions are answered in another column. Putting eight frames in the supers with $1\frac{3}{4}$ " spacing would produce "fat" combs. These are the kind of combs that must be secured in order to successfully work the Bayless uncapping machine. * * *

We would like to call special attention to that part of Mr. McEvoy's report dealing with the curing of foul brood in the fall by giving the bees full frames of capped honey. This is a very simple and easy method, and is most effective. The diseased honey taken from the old hive remains in their honey sacs until entirely consumed, owing to their having no place in which to deposit. Thus you have a clean outfit with very little labor. Of course, these full combs (or frames) must be secured in the summer from healthy colonies, or by feeding sugar syrup early in the fall. Where an apiary is found during the summer to have a few diseased colonies, a little planning with this object in view will be found to involve little labor, and be most economical and effective. * * *

Canadian Foul Brood.—Mr. Byer gives rather a melancholy picture of the devastation worked by what he calls black brood. "One yard of 110 colonies was reduced in a few months to twenty-three, another of 160 ran down to twenty-one, while a third of seventy-five went down to six. The men owning these apiaries were all first-rate bee-keepers." Some confusion seem to prevail still about the nomenclature of this disease, because the

writer says, "We do dread this black brood, while we have no terror of the other type." Our Editors in last issue (page 460) characterise it as "the milder form of disease known as black brood," which is exactly my own idea.—D.M.M., in British Bee Journal.

CONVENTION NOTES

[By the Editor.]

That was a good story told by Mr. Couse. "There's a man at the bees and the sow is in the potatoes."

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Adopting Mr. McGill's suggestion, the O.B.K.A. has now an "ex-cathedra" definition of what pure honey is.

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The diners at the Albion had their eye on the two or three foul brood inspectors present to see how they helped themselves to toothpicks!

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Mr. Wm. Bayless was there with his new uncapping machine. It was much admired by all who saw it. What Mr. Bayless said in describing it will appear later.

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Mr. D. Nolan is an advocate of the use of power in extracting. He would as soon go back to the non-reversible extractor as to the hand extractor. A one-horse gasoline engine can be procured at a cost of about \$65. He strongly recommends the aid of this power.

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Mr. S. D. House, Camillus, N.Y., and Mr. B. G. Clark, Borodino, N.Y., were in attendance at the O.B.K.A. convention at Toronto. Both gentlemen are well-known bee-keepers in the United States. Mr. House gave a very interesting talk on foul brood and black brood. He is always a welcome guest at the Ontario. Mr. A. C. Miller, of Providence, R.I., was also present, and gave three valuable addresses. Mr. O. L. Hershiser, of Buffalo, was also with us again. We regret him, however, as one of ourselves.

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