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## Mr. McEvoy's Foul Brood Report.

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BEE-MASTER, Sir:—I did not expect to trouble you so soon with another 'Echo,' but the appearance of Mr. McEvoy's report as Foul Brood Inspector, on page 138, compels me to do so. I was not present when that report was read to the Ontario Association, and knew nothing of its contents until I saw it in the American Bee Journal of Feb. 28. The report was presented at an evening session. The weather was stormy. I was stopping with a friend nearly a mile away from the place of meeting, and with sciatica haunting me I did not dare to venture out-doors. Not until I got my American Bee Journal on Friday did I know that I was virtually put in the pillory, and arraigned as a public criminal in the Foul Brood Inspector's report.

It will be said, "Why, you are not named." I reply, I might as well have been. All Canadian bee-dom knows that I live in the County of Wellington where Mr. McEvoy reports having burned three foul-broody colonies. Besides this, Mr. McEvoy, notwithstanding he takes great credit to himself for suppressing names, has made no secret of his having burnt three of my colonies. I question if there were a dozen out of the hundred bee men present at the Stratford meeting who were not furtively apprized of the fact. How does this look alongside the statement made in the report that a resolution had been passed by the Board of Directors prohibiting any person from getting the

names except the Minister of Agriculture. Moreover, Mr. McEvoy not only as good as names me but puts a bad mark against me. I am evidently hinted at in the statement:—"Some that had only a few colonies, would be so careless and indifferent about the curing, and would not do as I told them, and then I resorted to stamping the disease out by fire for the public good." Again, he says, "I burned three foul-broody colonies in Wellington county. I was well pleased with the work done by the owners of all other foulbroody colonies."

I have nothing to conceal in regard to my experience with foul-brood, and nothing to be ashamed of in regard to it. I am rather glad of the opportunity to state, "What I know about foul brood?" Whether I am justly open to the charge of carelessness, indifference, or disobedience to Mr. McEvoy's authority, I will leave the bee-keeping public to judge when I get through with my story.

In commencing my present apiary in spring of 1891. I knew I was running a great risk from the proximity of foul brood. Within a half-mile in one direction there was an apiary of 80 colonies that I knew had the disease badly, for I could smell it from the sidewalk. Half a mile in another direction an apiary of 100 colonies had gone up with foul-brood. A mile off in another direction were the last vestiges of another apiary of 40 colonies that had "pegged out" with the disease. But I wanted to resume bee-keeping it only for the diversion of it, after being unable to enjoy the pastime from various causes for two or three years. Wishing to take every precau-