

GENERAL.

FOUL BROOD.

A SCHEME TO PREVENT ITS SPREAD.

NOW that legislation for the suppression of Foul Brood is almost assured, let us consider for a moment whether the services of an Inspector are likely to be required to any extent if we go about this matter in a proper way. The provisions of the Bill are very stringent, so much so that no person having the least vestige of honor will knowingly harbor the disease in his apiary. We believe, however, that it is very often because of ignorance of the signs of the disease, that it gets a foot-hold in many apiaries, and that if a description was prepared, together with full instructions for its cure, so that the merest novice could detect it in its incipient stages, and these were mailed to the bee-keepers throughout the Province, that much of the threatened trouble now upon us would disappear. We think this should be done, and at once—not sent to the members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association only, but to every known bee-keeper in the Province. True, it would take a good many thousand pamphlets, but we are firmly of the opinion that the money so spent would be saved several times over in the expenses and salary of the Inspector. We would suggest that the proposed Act be also embodied in the pamphlet, so that the recipient may see just what trouble he will incur for himself, in case he does not (if he has the disease in his apiary) take steps to suppress it.

The Association is financially able to do this, and if a committee were at once appointed by the Directors, to prepare such a pamphlet, it could be done at once, and the distribution could be made before the season opens. What better use could the funds of the Association be put to, than in distributing some such literature as the above throughout the Province which is so willing to aid it both by money and legislation. We should like an expression of opinion on this subject in the next issue of the BEE JOURNAL. Do not be afraid to express your views.

Foul Brood Legislation.

WE present herewith the Bill, now before the Legislature, for the suppression of Foul Brood. It is very complete, and requires but few changes to meet the present needs of the case. We publish the Bill in its entirety, and add our comment at the foot.

An Act for the Suppression of Foul Brood among Bees.

Her Majesty, by, and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1 (1) The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association shall at each annual meeting, or the executive committee of the said association shall, if in the interval between two annual meetings the occasion should arise, appoint an inspector of apiaries and a sub-inspector for the Province of Ontario, and the said inspector and sub-inspector shall be elected by the vote of the majority of the members of said association present at the annual meeting or the vote of the majority of the members of said executive committee, as the case may be.

(2) The election and appointment of the said inspector and sub-inspector, or their removal from office, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

(3) The said sub-inspector may, when so directed, as hereinafter provided, perform all the duties and exercise all the powers in this Act directed to be performed or exercised by the inspector, and the provisions of this Act relating to the inspector shall be deemed to apply to and include the said sub-inspector.

2 The said inspector, and sub-inspector shall hold office for one year from the date of the annual meeting at which they were appointed, or if they shall have been appointed by said executive committee, then until the next annual meeting after such appointment, and shall be eligible for re-election; but the said inspector or sub-inspector may at any time, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, be removed from office by said executive committee, for neglect of duty or other sufficient cause, and in case of such removal the said executive committee shall without delay appoint a successor.

3 The said inspector shall, whenever so directed by the president of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, visit with, at unnecessary delay any locality in the Province of Ontario and there examine any apiary or apiaries to which the said president may direct him, and ascertain whether or not the disease known as "foul