

is this, is the disease becoming suppressed at all?

Mr. Evans—I would like, Mr. President, to know if McEvoy finds, in going around one year after another, that where he has found foul brood one year and given the necessary directions; it has disappeared the next year? My experience of this is, and I think the weak point in the foul brood treatment is that the cure is left to the owners of apiaries; and they do not exercise sufficient care and they do not cure it. I know that was the case in a few apiaries within a few miles of me, that Mr. McEvoy had seen and given instructions with regard to but in no case was the foul brood cured; it did not disappear. The parties did not carry out the instructions. I would like to know if he finds from experience, after he has given directions, if they really carry them out, or does the foul brood disappear under his instructions?

Mr. McEvoy—As a rule it does, but you will, once in a while come across a man that will make a failure of anything; he is not exact enough; he will do part to-day and part next week, and he is going to attend to the rest some other time; you have got to watch a man like that closely; he may be ever so honest but he is careless and he gives other people trouble. Sometimes some men that you depend most upon, you know their intentions are all right, but will they carry out the work exactly? We have men here who have made perfect work of it.

Mr. Frith—As you all know, I am not keeping bees myself just at present on account of circumstances a few years ago, but I am getting ready to get some in the spring. You all know the difficulty I have had with foul brood. I have lost as much probably as any man in the Association with foul brood in years gone by. I found last spring some of my neighbors who know nothing about bees and who, I do not think, ever had a colony in their lives, went away off, 25 or 30 miles and brought in five or six colonies, and they have distributed those bees all over. I was a little suspicious of them, but having no authority to go to the yard and make any demands by way of pleasantness and initiating myself into their confidence, I came to the conclusion that perhaps they were all right after all. How is it with these colonies that have been brought in, from a distance by ignorant people? I was burned out by foul brood being introduced from Michigan. A neighbor of mine, one of the most successful bee-keepers in

this province, contrary to the resolution of the Oxford Bee-Keeper's Association sent to Michigan and got a queen in a little card I think, and a section of honey and some with it, and before I knew where I was he had lost fifty colonies of bees and had exposed his hives. About a year after I found I was in the soup, and then I looked around and found this foul brood. Now I am going into the business again, and I would like to know if there is any possible way of getting at these fellows. These bees came into my neighborhood last spring, and I didn't know it for months; they came almost to my own door; they brought them up in the night, and I saw the bees and I knew there were no bees very close by, and I found the trees in bloom covered with bees, and I looked around and found they had been brought from down in Norfolk County.

Mr. McEvoy—In looking over the members of this Convention, I could call eleven witnesses if anyone has any doubt as to the cure. As Mr. Evans says, one careless party in a locality causes the trouble; the trouble is they hang onto the comb; they are not exact enough. Once in a while someone will not carry it out the instructions exactly, and you have got to watch that one closely. Perhaps one man in fifty will not carry it out exactly. Where a man is doing pretty well with his bees, he thinks he ought to go and get a few hives for his own use; he will go down the country sometimes; some man has got discouraged with his bees and is going to sell them cheap; this man buys them and brings them near a man that has a large bee yard. When a man has got \$1,000 invested in bees, he ought to have his locality around him inspected. He is all right himself, but what has the other fellow got? It is business to see to that. In going through a large bee yard, no matter what the man is, if his bees are valuable, I am going to look after that fellow, because the loss would be very heavy.

Mr. Hall—If I understand it rightly, we have a law that empowers the inspector to burn, on the second visitation, if he finds his instructions are not carried out, I think our good-natured inspector, as efficient as he is and as wise as he is, lacks a little in that respect. I am, I think, in a very clean location, and as far as our neighborhood is concerned, I think he has acted in a very wise way, but I have just got a hint since I have been in this meeting that it is within seven miles of me and that is too close to me.