

have no difficulty in cultivating them. There are solvents of wax that have no effect on the vitality of spores. We thank Mr. Corneil for the correction as to time of boiling, although practically the error is unimportant, for if four minutes' boiling kills the microbes, several hours can do no more. We hope that Mr. Corneil's surmise of sheets of foundation containing millions of live spores will not prove to be correct, and we hope that the matter will be tested. In the meantime our friends will do well to use the remedies now on trial, and which have so far given every promise of success. We allude to Naphthol Beta and naphthaline, which will destroy the crops of bacilli as they appear.

—EDS.]—The British Bee Journal.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Foul Brood.

DEAR SIR,—As in the C.B.J. of Dec. 15th, I see no one has given any reply to the letter of A. Fyfe's, appearing in the Journal of the fourteenth previous, in which he asks for expressions regarding the work of the foul brood Inspector, I would venture just a few words.

From the fact that Mr. Fyfe had his yard in such a state in June last that on the call of the Inspector, it was found that almost all of his 85 colonies were affected with foul brood, one would judge that there was either some very deadly source of infection around his vicinity, or that there has been something very sadly wrong with his management.

I learn from Mr. McEvoy that Mr. Fyfe's yard is more than usually isolated from other bee yards, and consequently from the usual outside source of infection. If it were not that Mr. Fyfe had been a pupil of the Editor, and that the latter considered him intelligent, painstaking and reliable, one would naturally have been forced to the other alternative conclusion mentioned above, viz., that there has been something very sadly wrong in his management. Indeed from the fact which I have learned that Mr. McEvoy got Mr. Fyfe up one night last June and worked till long after midnight with a lantern overhauling work which Mr. Fyfe had done that day with his colonies, I cannot escape the conclusion that in Mr. McEvoy's judgment at least, he did not comprehend what the job was he had in hand, nor how to go about it.

Mr. McEvoy, as I learn, never gave more strict instructions than he gave to Mr. Fyfe, and as Mr. McEvoy's directions when followed, seem to have been uniformly successful in

cleaning out the pest, so far as I have ever learned hitherto, I can only now suggest that the failure in this instance is not to be attributed to him.

I do not like to condescend to personalities, but when I see a young and comparatively inexperienced bee-keeper sit in judgment over an old tried, and strongly accredited veteran like Mr. McEvoy, even at the expense of being a little personal, I cannot but express satisfaction at the fact that he seems to be left to sit alone.

I sympathize with Mr. Fyfe in the trouble he has in hand—from experience I know that it is no pleasant job—nor one that can be dealt with in a slipshod way; but when Mr. McEvoy has gone from yard to yard over the province, by his instructions and assistance, curing the most apiaries with marked success, and calling forth the lasting gratitude of not only the novice and humbler class of bee-keepers, but also of the very farthest advanced, I cannot but think that the matter for regret in this case, is that he did not find it possible to call again and spend a little more time with Mr. Fyfe and make him also his debtor in this respect, as I am confident he would have done.

The foul brood act has been of immeasurable benefit to the bee-keepers of this province, and the way it has been administered by Mr. Pringle, and under him, by Mr. McEvoy has, I believe, been without reproach.

I am, yours truly,

R. W. McDONNELL.

Galt, Dec. 24th, 1891.

And still another proof of the great advantages that we are deriving from our foul brood Inspector's work, why, if Mr. Fyfe had kept quiet we would not have known how much our Inspector is appreciated. All our Government will have to do, is to simply continue the grant and continue our present Inspector and sub-Inspector, and bee-keepers may consider themselves perfectly safe. We hope Mr. Fyfe will give us every particular he can in reference to his treatment that others may see wherein he failed.

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