

Inspector of

Apiaries' Report

During the season of 1902 I visited bee yards in the counties of Huron, Middlesex, Perth, Brant, Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland, Halton, York, Cardwell, Grey and Simcoe. I inspected ninety-one apiaries and found foul brood in thirty of them and dead brood of other kinds in many others which had been mistaken for foul brood. I also found several fine apiaries completely cured of foul brood that had been reported to be diseased.

The frequent showers that we had in the early and middle part of the past honey season kept the bees in their hives for hours at a time and this taking place when the bees had a very large quantity of larvae to feed caused a rapid using up of the stores, and as fast as the cells were emptied the queens layed in them and soon after that all brood chambers became full of brood, and as they were left in that condition with the bees being driven in from time to time by the rains which were followed by sudden warm spells, brought on the greatest rage of swarming ever known in the province of Ontario and created a great

demand for comb foundation, and some bee-keepers not having any on hand, and not expecting to get any very soon, used some old combs (that were saved from colonies that had died from disease) and spread the genuine article, a thing the same parties will never do again.

All old diseased combs should be melted and put through a wax press as that is the only kind of an extractor that will take all the wax out of old combs.

It would greatly improve the apiaries in many localities if their owners would use more foundation and melt a part of their old combs each year until they were all renewed.

While on my rounds through the province I was much pleased with the very generous treatment that I received from every bee-keeper.

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A very interesting letter from Mr James Duncan, of Mahitoba, is at hand, but is unavoidably crowded out this month. It will, however, appear in our next issue.

As a remedy for bee or wasp stings in the throat or mouth is given the following:—Take a teaspoonful of salt slightly moistened with water, and swallowed slowly; the pain and swelling disappear in a very short time. This simple means has saved many lives.—Leipziger Bienenzeitung.