

and for the first time in his life opened up a brood chamber. This bee-keeper apparently possessed but vague ideas as to the normal appearance of brood combs, for seeing the unsealed larvæ, he mistook them for for foul brood, and burned five healthy colonies before he was aware of his error! Now it is to help such bee-keepers that field demonstrations are being organized, and it should be unnecessary to impress upon the readers of the C.B.J. that their co-operation in making these events widely known in their various neighborhoods will be much appreciated by those responsible.

In addition to those reported in our last issue, four demonstrations were held during the month of June. Inspector Armstrong and Assistant Inspector Fretz were responsible for the conduct of the meetings.

On Friday, June 9th, a demonstration was held at the apiary of Mr. T. Romp, situated in the village of Fonthill. The programme commenced at one o'clock, when about thirty people listened to a talk by Mr. Armstrong, who discussed the subjects of swarm control and general apiary management, concluding with a review of the disease situation in Western Ontario. This talk was made as practical as possible, a colony of bees being opened up, examined and treated exactly as though diseased.

A short talk was next given by Mr. Fretz, impressing on those present the value of a good wax press. This was followed by a discussion of the points of difference between the various presses in general use.

After this, the crowd gathered in the shade, and a question drawer was opened by Mr. J. P. Dunn, of Ridgeway. Several important subjects were discussed, one being the poisoning of bees around Thorold.

Much of the success of the day was due to the genial sayings of Mr. Dunn, who is president of the Lincoln and Wel-

land County Bee-keepers' Association. He introduced the speakers, and was very useful generally.

On Wednesday, June 14th, a field meeting was held at the apiary of Mr. C. L. Mapes, of West Hamilton. The programme took much the same form as at Fonthill.

After the nature of foul brood had been thoroughly discussed, a colony of bees was shaken to show the McEvoy treatment for the disease. Later, a quantity of old combs was run through the wax press, showing how 99½% of wax could be obtained, with the minimum of labor and the maximum of cleanliness. The demonstrator, Mr. Fretz, was assisted here by Mr. Wells and Mr. Mapes, both of West Hamilton, who gave their experiences with diseases and general management. The attendance was good considering the location, there being about eighteen present, several coming a distance of some fifteen miles.

On Friday, June 16th, a demonstration was held at the home of Mrs. French, North Glanford. Mr. James Armstrong took charge, giving a talk on brood diseases and general apiary management. He demonstrated the McEvoy treatment for Foul Brood, explaining very carefully the details. Many questions were asked Mr. Armstrong, who furnished much valuable information. After this the use of the wax press was demonstrated by Mr. Fretz and the question of the economy of the different kinds of presses was thoroughly discussed. The attendance was not very large, as it was a very busy time for the bee-keepers; nevertheless, the interest was keen, especially after the demonstration, when all took part in eating the lunch prepared by the good Mrs. French, in the "shade of the old apple tree" on the lawn!

On Tuesday, June 20th, a demonstration was held in the apiary of Mr. Geo. Howard, Lynden, Ont. The attendance was small, as everybody seemed busy. However, an interesting talk was given

explaining the symptoms of brood diseases in Ontario, put through the treatment thoroughly explained. Howard had treated a colony a short time before, we show as well. A demonstration was taken inside and every chance to see it in its details. Howard also gave his disease, along with son

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The occupation of bee-keeping knows, has its own, and a number of persons is attracted to it. To some extent editors and those who write up profitable industry are the increase in the numbers. Not all the novices succeed and of the failures claim that, financially, "delusion and a snare," want of success in bee-keeping is due to ignorance, or to an unwillingness to profit of others. Some bee-keepers on the other hand meet with success. Amongst such we find who look after their bee-keeping in a business fashion, seldom going near the apiary of this type of bee-keeping, and examples all through the country. It is a known fact that there is a loss of hard cash in bee-keeping by neglecting to observe the rules. On the other hand, the bee-keeper who invariably follows the rules, there are a great many of the intelligent working bee-keepers always ready to learn from others and profit as much as the success or failure of