

An Act Respecting the Right of Property in Swarms of Bees.

R. S. O., 1897, Chap. 117.

1. Bees living in a state of freedom shall be the property of the person discovering them, whether he is or is not the proprietor of the land on which they have established themselves.

2. Bees reared and kept in hives shall be private property.

3. Where a swarm of bees leaves a hive the owner may reclaim them, so long as he can prove his right of property therein, and shall be entitled to take possession of them at any place on which the swarm settles, even if such place be on the land of another person, but the owner shall notify the proprietor of such land beforehand and compensate him for all damages. If a swarm settles in a hive which is already occupied, the owner of such swarm shall lose all right of property therein.

4. Any unpursued swarm which lodges on any property whatsoever, without settling thereon, maybe secured by the first comer, unless the proprietor of the land objects.

5. If the owner of a swarm of bees declines to follow the swarm and another person undertakes the pursuit, such other person shall be substituted in the rights of the owner, and every swarm which is not followed shall become the property of the proprietor of the land on which it settles, without regard to the place from which it has come.

An Act for the Suppression of Foul Brood Among Bees.

R. S. O., 1897, Chap. 283.

1. — (1) The Ontario Bee Keepers' Association shall at each annual meeting or the directors of the said Association shall, if in the interval between two annual meetings the occasion arises, 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 directors as the case may be. Any annual meeting may delegate the annual appointment of an Inspector and Sub-Inspector to the newly elected Board of Directors.

(2) 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.

(3) The Inspector or Sub-Inspector entering on any premises in the discharge of his duties shall, if so required, produce the certificate of the President of the said Association that he has been appointed as such Inspector, or Sub-Inspector, as the case may be.

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 are appointed by the directors, 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 the directors for neglect of duty or other sufficient cause, and in case of such removal the directors shall without delay appoint a successor.

3. The said Inspector shall, whenever so directed by the President of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association, visit without 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 brood" exists in such apiary or apiaries, and wherever the said Inspector is satisfied of the existence of foul brood in its virulent or malignant type, it shall be the duty of the Inspector to order all colonies so affected, together with the hives occupied by them, and the contents of such hives, and all tainted appurtenances that cannot be disinfected, to be immediately destroyed by fire under the personal direction and superintendance of said Inspector, and after inspecting infected hives, fixtures, or handling diseased bees, the Inspector shall, before leaving the premises, or proceeding to any other apiary thoroughly disinfect his person and clothing, and shall see that any assistant with him also thoroughly disinfects his person and clothing, where the Inspector, who shall be the sole judge thereof, is satisfied that disease exists, but only in milder stages, and in its incipient stages, and is believed or may be treated successfully, and the Inspector has reason to believe that it may be entirely cured, then the Inspector