

LEGISLATION.

In the United States, six States have laws for the suppression of foul brood among bees. These are New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Utah, Colorado and California. In Canada the Province of Ontario has enacted a foul-brood law. In Europe Mecklenburg also has a law.

These statutes differ a good deal from one another, and some of them are so drafted that evasion of the law is easy. The best are probably those of Wisconsin and Ontario, and the principal points in these acts are as follows:

1. The appointment of an inspector.
2. The inspection of all apiaries reported as diseased, and the duty of the inspector, if satisfied that the disease is present, to give full instructions as to treatment.
3. The enactment requiring the inspector, who is the sole judge, to make a second visit to all diseased apiaries, and, if need be, burn all colonies and combs that he may find uncured.
4. Various penalties (fines, and, in default, imprisonment) for—
 - (a) Selling or giving away diseased colonies or infected appliances.
 - (b) Selling bees after treatment, or exposing infected appliances.
 - (c) Obstructing the inspector.
5. Persons who are aware of the disease either in their own apiary or elsewhere are to notify at once the proper authorities, and in default of so doing shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine and costs.
6. The inspector of apiaries to make an annual report, which shall include a statement of the number of colonies destroyed by his order, the localities where found, and the amount paid to him for his services.

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