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If there was any one point brought out with more emphasis than another at the New York Conventions, it was the importance of having Italian bees in combatting black brood. One inspector after another got up and stated with emphasis that it was simply impossible to cure black brood with black bees.—Bee-Keepers Review.

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In the Farmers Advocate of February 3rd, Mr. Holtermann, replying to certain questions asked by a correspondent, has this to say in reply to the following question: "Is there any way that a person can cure foul brood?" He replies, "Yes. The method is to shake the bees from diseased comb, honey, pollen and brood, giving them starters of comb foundation in frames. After two days, shake again upon starters of full sheets of foundation."

Is this an error of the printer, or is it an oversight on Mr. Holtermann's part? "Two" days is not long enough; it should have read "four".

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That our Department of Agriculture is fully alive to the interests of apiculture is shown by recent action in reference to the experimental apiarist, Mr. Pettit, whose salary has been raised to \$1500. per annum. He is now to give his whole time to the work. He will be located at Guelph, in connection with the Agricultural College, where one of the experimental apiaries will be kept. A small apiary will be retained at Jordan Harbor, and conducted as an "out apiary." Guelph will, however, be the headquarters for all apicultural work, both in teach-

ing and experiment. An appropriation of \$750 has been set aside this year for an apicultural equipment at Guelph. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Pettit, at the O.A.C. Guelph. Mr. Pettit will not have any special district in connection with the inspection work the coming season, but will possibly be called in to settle any disputes which may arise, or look after any cases that the Department may consider specially serious. An additional grant of \$500 for the inspection work has also been made by the legislature, so that the figure now stands at \$3000. With some slight increase in the number of inspectors it is still thought necessary to limit each inspector to a certain number of days in the season. possibly this will vary somewhat according to the districts, dependant upon knowledge gained from past years as to the extent of foul brood in each district. This is a matter that will receive attention before the inspection season opens. All these matters had been arranged by the Department some time ago, but owing to the fact that the estimates could not be made public before their submission to the House, the announcement could not be made earlier. These changes are almost entirely due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Hodgetts, who has kept himself in close touch with Provincial apicultural requirements, and whose sane advice has been most helpful to the Minister and his deputy. All of the above is a distinct advance in the status of apicultural in the province. It will now take rank with other important agricultural departments at the Agricultural College.

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