

However, notwithstanding what the conditions may be, we do not think our Norfolk friends acted wisely in passing that resolution. They have stirred up their friends in the east to the point of antagonizing them, while what they needed was their sympathy and support. It never pays to rob Peter to pay Paul; it offends Peter and his friends. Your letter, friend Beaupre, is not a justification for the resolution. We are still of the opinion that it was very unwise. It would have been much better to have presented your case before the Minister of Agriculture, and asked for extra assistance to combat the conditions which you say exist. You would not then have antagonized the bee-keepers of another inspectorial district. All would then have been disposed to give you their assistance and support. There is a considerable amount of ill-feeling in regard to this foul brood question. Your resolution did not allay or improve matters; it only added fuel to the flames. This is the worst thing that could have happened at this particular juncture. Both Mr. Byer and Mr. Holmes are good men in their respective positions, and we trust that the Minister of Agriculture will pay no heed to any agitation coming from one district affecting another. We are told that much of this agitation is the outcome of personal animosity. We are reluctant to believe this. We trust that in future calmness and wise counsels will prevail.—Ed.]

Mr. Grosgean Explains

In common with scores of bee-keepers, I was surprised to note the extraordinary resolution adopted by the Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association, requesting the Minister of Agriculture to cut off the foul brood inspectors in all the counties of Ontario east of Northumberland County. This action seems to be based upon a statement which you credited to me in the Canadian Bee Journal of February

last. With what information I received from bee conventions in the past, and what I can learn at present, the Eastern counties are not infected with foul brood to any considerable extent. At the same time, I have reason to believe the disease may exist in isolated apiaries in the sixteen counties comprising the Eastern District. It would, therefore, be most unwise to deprive this large territory of its inspectors. It would be just as rational to dismiss the medical health officer in every municipality which had not infectious or contagious diseases within its borders.

There was nothing very clever about adopting that resolution at the Norfolk bee meeting. It was more like a spoilt boy who after eating his pie wants what was given to his brother.

I see Mr. R. Holtermann was present and took part in the meeting at Simcoe. He has long advocated the appointment of six inspectors throughout the Province. Did he protest against a resolution recommending the cutting-off of half the Province from having an inspector? Mr. B. Holmes should be left to look after the interests of the East and Mr. J. L. Byer his district, as at present they are capable men for the positions.

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[It was what you, my dear Grosgean, said in a former issue that gave rise to the Norfolk resolution. You scolded us for not "giving the right view about foul brood." It is very unfortunate that you did not give the right view yourself when writing. If you had qualified your statement then as you do in the above letter, the probabilities are the resolution would never have been passed.—Ed.]

MR. LAING'S FEEDER

At the convention at Toronto last November, after your remarks in reference to the Canadian Bee Journal, I got up

and said that we were not at our Canadian I thought we in writing for to make it a to see that r marked improv far I have kept have continued ped on my toe you know one here goes. I e large feeder to hive, with a h about three inc of an inch wid feeder of simil not on, this hol piece of heavy one end, and t late hive, all swing this bit the hole.

The feeder has side, bored full light wire nails projecting about inch, so as to l from the bottom bees can go do float, thus carry syrup. The float end and two on same as the bottom at all times at all ends and sides, all around it, under it, so it dry, and there is drowning a single The ends and made of 3/8-inch are made of Pa nailed around the I chose this material any possibility of heat, but, of course for sides if they