

In addition to the inspector's report, we have the following valuable communication from H. G. Sibbald, the former inspector.

"I do not think that Foul Brood is on the increase in the district allotted to me for inspection work in 1908 and 1909. What I deplore is that many, most of those once having the disease amongst their bees, fail to entirely eradicate it. It keeps breaking out again and again. The financial loss is hard to figure out. It takes time for each bee-keeper whose bees are diseased slightly to watch for it—time to cure—time to melt wax, disinfect, etc. There is also the almost total loss of the colony treated for that season. If there are 300 infected colonies each season, the honey loss would be \$1,500, and time quite as much more.

Requiring a "certificate of health" before selling bees or moving them from one district to another would do good.

"The best suggestion I could make as to the carrying out of the inspection work, would be to have the inspectors burn more, and have the provisions of the act more rigidly enforced. My own experience with the disease leads me to the conviction that the sudden death cure is the only sure cure and the cheapest in the end. "Why try to cure so anxiously when increase can be gotten so easily from sound clean stock."

**No. 10, Simcoe and Muskoka. Inspector, Henry Johnson, Craighurst.**

"I visited 113 apiaries and found that 23 of them had diseased colonies. The number of hives in apiaries visited were 2,153; total hives examined 1,197; total number of hives diseased were 143. Destroyed 12 hives not worth cleaning up, people were all well pleased. I found that a good many people had made sales which had Foul Brood. In some cases I told the man to move the bees back and clean up at once. I only went to one neighborhood where I wasn't called and

found Foul Brood there. I visited every apiary, from the time I left home until I got back. I found one hive of A. F. B. in Muskoka. The apiaries are very scattering in Muskoka. Since the season was over I have heard of other localities where Foul Brood was."

**No. 11, Ontario, York, Victoria, Durham—Inspector, J. L. Byer, Mt. Joy.**

"The season was very unfavorable in the early part, that little work was done at that time. About 14 days were put in, only places that I was requested to visit receiving attention. No attempt at systematic work was attempted—indeed such a thing was out of the question. Nearly all requests were attended to, but little re-visiting was done in September. Foul Brood is under control and nearly wiped out of Victoria County, I believe. Durham had but little of the disease. Ontario County has, generally speaking, not very much disease, and what I know of is pretty well under control. One exception to this statement is a section of country north and west of Uxbridge town—everything has about rotted down there and no apiaries worthy of the name are left. York county has lots of the disease—some in almost every part of the county. Number of apiaries visited 48; number of colonies 782; number examined 568; number diseased 103."

**No. 12, Peterboro, Northumberland, Hastings and Prince Edward.—Inspector, W. Scott, Wooler.**

"I travelled over the same ground as last year. I found that all the bees had been treated, except one apiary, but very little Italianizing had been done, consequently the disease returned in every apiary and destroyed some of them completely. I found the disease spreading very rapidly; it was more than doubled since last year. The disease now covers fully 400 square miles; besides two outbreaks in Prince Edward County, also two in Hastings County, one in Roden

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**No. 13, Lennox and Leeds—Inspector, L. L.**

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"Mr. Checkley f who did not sup their bees. This ered a fruitful sou ports that this ha in his district."

**No. 14, Renfrew, Inspector R.**

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