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Referring to the discussion of foul brood and its methods of treatment, inspection, etc., we must ask our correspondents to discuss the subjects from a bee-keeper's point of view exclusively. Personal references, with "stings," "niggers in the fence," etc., are highly objectionable, and must be discontinued. Unfortunately for us, there is a very sad division among some of our Ontario bee-keepers with reference to foul brood, its treatment and its inspection. Partizans of one party are inclined to sneer at what the other party writes, and vice versa, which makes it very difficult for us to maintain a just balance between the two. The columns of The Journal are open to all our readers to discuss all matters pertaining to apiculture. Foul brood, early and late inspection, are legitimate matters for discussion. Objection has been taken to the discussion of early and late inspection. The fact that there is a difference of opinion upon the matter is a pretty sure indication that it should be discussed. These matters are of great interest to the great majority of our readers, while at the same time they know nothing, and do not care to know, of the petty animosities existing between individuals.

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For the first time in our experience we found no pollen in our hives. All that the bees had was used up with early breeding, and then the queen ceased laying. When the hives were examined, fresh pollen was coming in, and large blocks of new-laid eggs were to be seen. This great dearth of pollen must have been owing to conditions that prevailed last fall.

Mr. Byer, in his Notes in this issue, seems to give a very effective answer to the issue of early and late inspection. The Department of Agriculture has placed no prohibition on the matter where it is thought to be necessary; but—and there is a very large but here—who knows whether it be necessary or not unless they go and see? How many of the inspectors have done as Mr. Alpaugh? We certainly think his action most commendable. He does not say that he was instructed to look over his territory in the manner in which he relates it. If he was not, his conduct is all the more praiseworthy. He is taking intelligent care of the field assigned him. This is what we call "using one's head."

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On going out to the bee-yard one morning recently we found the grass literally covered with bees, some hovering on the wing just above the points of the grass blades, others crawling up the grass blades. We watched carefully to see what it meant. There had been a light rain the night before. The sun was rapidly drying up the grass, but there remained just one little bead of water on each blade. This it was the bees were after. When they reached the little sparkling drop they would sip at it till it all disappeared. They were after water, and got it in all its purity.

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Speaking of locality. While only five miles out in the country examining some bees at the homes of a couple of farmers, recently, we found the bees abundantly supplied with pollen. And this is a spring when the cry for pollen is almost universal over the continent.

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