

pets, I have brought you here so that you may have a view of the promised land, the land flowing with milk and honey, but according to law you mustn't go into it. Now, work as close to the edge of it as possible, and if you should happen to make a mistake and get on the wrong side of the line, why just take what you gather and carry it to friend 'local option's' hives; you have no right to it. Now I leave it with you." And lo, when fall comes that man's hives are full, (because they are close to the good pasture) while the neighbors are tolerably light. And the bee-keeper didn't do any wrong who planted his bees close to the boundary line, and thus will "local option" work. But this is a rather extended observation.

OBSERVER.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

A CHATTY LETTER FROM DR. MASON.

MR. EDITOR: If you could have seen me and heard me laugh when I read the first line on page 653 last C.B.J. you might have been sure I never had and am not likely to have dyspepsia. "Dr. C. C. Miller, Wagon Works, O.," is what the line says and now I can hardly tell what made me laugh, but I think I laughed at your "verdancy." Perhaps, though, it was my "ignorance" that I was laughing at, as our children sometimes say of each other. It may be possible that Dr. Miller has moved to Wagon Works and I have not found it out, but I don't believe it.

Now, let me tell you again—and don't you forget it—that our post-office is Auburndale, but our R.R. depots, express offices, telegraph offices and everything else in that line are known as Wagon Works; and anyone going from Detroit to Toledo on the Michigan Central or the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, or going to Toledo on the Flint & Pere Marquette R.R.'s passes through Wagon Works and within a few rods of our post-office, Auburndale. It is six miles to the business part of Toledo and only two miles from Wagon Works by street car. The very idea of Dr. Miller moving to Wagon Works and you know it before I do. It would not be healthy for the Dr. to cut up any caper like that.

And now, while I am at it, I want to give you "free gratis and for nothing" some of my mind. I've been trying for months to get mad at you because I have to get out my knife to cut open some of the back leaves of the C.B.J. every week but I have held on and *could* stand it still longer, but someone borrowed my knife recently and I had to buy a new one, and it opens so hard that—that—that—well I hardly know what to say, but I have received an invitation from both the

President and the Secretary of the Michigan Bee-keeper's Society to attend the next meeting at Jackson and if you'll be there I will show you my knife, and then you'll see whether it is a funny job to have to open it every week. "So there now," how do you like that?

Another thing about the C.B.J., I don't like a bit. It has too many Amateur Experts, Observers, C.W.L.'s, R.W.C.'s, etc., etc., and we don't know where they live either. If your correspondents don't want us to know who they are what do they write for? Are they ashamed of their productions? They ought not to be, and it is lots more satisfaction to the reader to know who the writer is.

I am pleased to see you urging the O.B.K.A.—does that mean Ohio Bee-keeper's Association—and all county societies to make it a point to attend, in a body, the next meeting of the International Bee-Association, at Brantford. It has looked as though you Canucks were a little afraid of us Yanks. Law sakes, we won't hurt ye; and to show you that we are not afraid of you a goodly number of us will try and be on hand at Brantford next year. I am anticipating a grand, good meeting and a good deal of happiness in meeting and making the personal acquaintance of such Canadians as Messrs. McKnight, Cornhill, Pringle and a host of others, and to meet again and renew the acquaintance of such men as Messrs. Pettit, Hall, Emigh, Clarke, Jones, Macpherson, Holterman and many on this side of the line, as well as some from the old countries. Your suggestions are *not* premature, and the officers of the Association are already at work and will try to do their share in making the gathering a success. Should any one accompany the aparian exhibit of the United States or Canada to the World's exposition at Paris next year, an effort will be made to secure some of the novelties, etc., used in bee-keeping in the old world and have them on exhibition at the Brantford meeting; and, being so near Niagara Falls, only 40 miles I believe, perhaps we shall want to take a look at the grand sight.

On page 625, in speaking of the report of the meeting of the Association at Columbus sent you by the editor of the *American Bee Journal*, you say, "The report is written by Bro. W. Z. Hutchinson, and had we been there in person we could not have done the work with the same justice." Well, I guess you are about right, for at every meeting where I have seen you, you have been too intent on some nonsensical mischiefs to attend strictly to business, but just remember who will be in the chair at Brantford and prepare yourself to behave as you ought to. Now, don't you *dare* talk back.