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Crop reports vary greatly. Some places it is good; others fairly good; others poor.—Ed.]

Chalmers' Observations

Correction.—On June 18th a communication was received from Mr. John C. Beattie, of Sebringville, requesting me to go and inspect his and others' bees. It was arranged that Mr. Beattie's request be attended to on the 30th ult. I accordingly set out that morning for the field of action, and the correction I wish to make is that this is not the Beattie to whom I had reference in my May "Observations," C.B.J., page 175.

At the time the article was written I was not aware that there was another Beattie in the Stratford district who kept bees other than he one of whom I wrote. Had Mr. Alpaugh given the full name in his April article I would have known at once that I knew nothing of Mr. John C. Beattie, and although it was Mr. Alpaugh's fault in not giving the full name, yet, in justice to both him and Mr. Beattie, I hasten to make this correction. From the description given of the Beattie bee-yard, both Mr. Alpaugh and Mr. J. C. Beattie should have known that it did not correspond to the latter's apiary, nor yet to himself.

This Mr. Beattie has as suitable a plot as is possible to find for an apiary (not despising the other), and at the time of my visit there had everything neat, and, moreover, he is a young man of rather an attractive manner, on whom I look as one of our coming bee-keepers. He is very much afraid of this dread disease and has a keen eye on any suspicious cells of brood. I hope he, Mr. Alpaugh and the readers of the C.B.J. will accept this explanation.

Inspection.—As considerable has been written both for and against early and

late inspection, might I crave your indulgence while I give my convictions in the matter? I feel a little puzzled to know just where the limit is of the two extremes.

Mr. J. L. Byer certainly goes to the spring extreme when he asks, in May C.B.J., page 166, "How many bee-keepers would like to have their bees unpacked, and the brood-nests broken up, when the thermometer was at the freezing point in the month of April?" I feel certain that the Department does not wish any of its inspectors to act in an untimely season, and it would certainly be very inappropriate for any of them to break up a colony of bees clustered as they are in cold weather. Not even then, but after the cluster is induced to break up as warmer weather approaches, there is danger in examining bees too early in the season for the safety of the queens. Inspectors have no right to treat other people's bees differently from the way they would their own, and I think we all know the danger of the least excitement in spring often causing the bees to ball their queen, and if she comes out alive it is in a more or less maimed condition. In my mind, it is not wisdom to go out inspecting before dandelion bloom, unless we go out, as Mr. Alpaugh did this spring, to see that dead colonies are put out of the way, but that cannot well come under the word "inspection," as it is understood, and even here there might be difficulties, for the inspector might strike places (as the writer has done on more than one occasion) where there is no one at home. What then?

Through inspecting in Perth last summer and fall I knew a number who had foul brood in their apiaries, and when allotted Waterloo this year, instead of Huron, I applied for and obtained the names of a number of bee-keepers in Waterloo County from Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, and, learning that some of them had had foul brood in their yards in the fall, I wrote to all such in both counties