

A good garden and some bees complete the tale.

Mr. Mooney is what is styled a "gentleman-farmer," living on his fine property, surrounded by his family all of whom have been carefully brought up. His good wife has had her share in bringing about the prosperity and happiness of the household.

We assigned to Mr. Mooney 93.70 marks, and offer him our sincere congratulations.

#### NO 3 : REMI BELLES ISLES.

October 5th : To-day we visited, at St Fabien de Rimouski, M. Rémi de Belles-Isles' farm, 160 arpents in extent, 125 of which are in cultivation, 5 in permanent pasture, and 30 in sugar-bush, etc.

M. Belles-Isles could not obtain full marks for his system of farming, on account of the paucity of his hoe crops, and the want of cleanness of his land.

Still, there was one head of cattle to every 3 arpents, and as he takes great care of his dung, we trust the farm will be kept well in heart.

The barn, as are the other buildings, is very well planned. The sheep-shed is the best we ever saw, and the piggery, too, under which is a dung-pit that receives all the drainage, washing-water, etc., from the house. From time to time, loads of earth are thrown into this receptacle, and have a very good effect. (1)

Fences straight and well made ; but the division of the farm might be improved.

About 6,000 loads of stones have been carted off the land, but only partially utilised. There have been 2 arpents of drains laid down.

A fortunate provision of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  arpents of green-fodder aided the pasture, which had suffered a little from the weather of last spring.

On this estate, clover, timothy, and flax are grown for seed. M. Belles-Isles' marks amount to 89.25.

#### NO 4 : LOUIS KIROUACK.

On July 27th, we visited M. Louis Kirouack's farm, at St Médard de Warwick. As this figured in our report of the 1892 competition, we refer our readers to that brochure, to which we have nothing to add. M. Kirouack has devoted himself since that time more to the establishment of his sons in advantageous positions than to additional improvements on his farm. We assigned 87.55 marks to M. Kirouack.

#### NO 5 : LS.-CIRICE BELLES-ISLES.

This farm is 105 arpents in extent, and when we visited it on the 2nd October, we found on it one head of cattle to every  $3\frac{1}{2}$  arpents. Great care is taken of the dung, which enables the farmer to pursue a fairly regular rotation.

By the large table annexed to this report, it will be seen that the farmer here pays much attention to permanent improvements, as he has carted off his land no fewer than 6,000 loads of stones, which he has employed in drainage and in making good fences.

We lay great stress upon this point, as, in this part of the province, nothing is more commonly met with than little heaps of stones chucked down here and there, all over the farm, which is almost entirely covered by them. We hope his neighbours will follow M. Belles-Isles example : 85 marks. (*From the French.*)

(1) Far better to pump the liquid over the earth. *Ed.*

