

\$300 or \$400 a year, but more, teaching by word and by example, they will disseminate the taste and the science of bee-keeping among all our apiculturists, and augment considerably the wealth of the country. Science will have created these riches—yes, create is the word—since the bee places in the flower a substance which would be lost without its intervention. This gift is used, also, in aiding the flower to fecundate its seed. Admirable reciprocity, from which we reap profit on both sides!

Let us, then, do our best to increase the number of our hives. The bee is not like our domestic animals. To feed it we do not require vast pastures; a little corner or patch of ground is sufficient. Ten hives can easily be kept in the space required for raising one hundred cabbages, and they do not require much more work, though bringing a hundred times more profit. The bee, to find its food, goes far away; it does not respect high walls, nor fences, nor hedges. It lives on the neighboring fields without being treated as an offender; on the contrary, every one, on the return of fine weather, likes to hear its gentle song, which causes day dreams, which elevates the soul by giving us an attractive example of useful employment.

I should wish to see every house in Montreal that has a garden attached ornamented with a few hives. Our streets adorned with soft maples offer a rich spring harvest, not of honey but of pollen. The pollen is the daily bread which serves to feed these little ones. Our flower gardens furnish them with an infinite variety of flowers; our fields are white with clover. This multiplicity of resources permits, therefore, the advantageous keeping of bees in the very heart of the city.

The great city of Paris has its bee-hives; Milan, also, as well as St. Louis; so Cincinnati, where a dealer in groceries and honey, Mr. Charles Math, has sixty hives, which thrive on the flat roof of his shop.

Our Province is far, very far, from possessing the number of hives which it could sustain. The kingdom of Hanover has 216,000 hives, of which 52,000 are in the towns. But in