

There is more than ideas in beekeeping. There is **HEALTH**. The efforts of the class room are taxing to a much larger degree than the layman realizes. A change of thought plus light exercise is necessary for relaxation. The care of a small apiary is quite readily managed in the time at a teacher's disposal, and the physical effort called for is just sufficient to keep fit. The period of time afforded between the closing of school and the evening meal enables a beginner to handle from eight to twelve colonies conveniently and, as experience teaches the cycle of the year and the behaviour of the bees, about four times that number can be handled successfully. The apiary requires the most attention during the two months of July and August, the school-teacher's vacation period, and a proper application of methods can throw practically all of the heavy work into these two months.

Health rhymes nicely with wealth, and beekeeper-school-teacher can often turn a sparse allowance into a competence. She may then afford a Ford. Any teacher will not object to addi-

tional income and there are very few branches of Rural Science which can be coupled with the profession of school-teaching causing as little interference with the duties of teaching as beekeeping. A thorough study of the subject; a natural liking for the work and systematic habits will make the side-line profitable from a financial view-point. An additional income varying from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per colony is reasonably certain in such circumstances.

Space will not permit of more than this somewhat general outline of the School-teacher-Beekeeper, but in conclusion, I would like to remark that such a combination of occupations is really more feasible than that of the Farmer-Beekeeper. In the former case the occupations dovetail conveniently into one another; in the latter case the rush of haying, cutting grain, etc. clash with the duties of the beekeeper. Sugar is needed for the Allies—for humanity; and the tons of nectar going to waste in the fields of Ontario unquestionably beckon to the school-teacher to come out and reap Nature's bounty for the good of herself and all.



"View from the Dairy Corner."