



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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#### OUR OWN APIARY.

**O**ur yard foreman has just completed a second examination of our home apiary and he reports everything in splendid shape. There are lots of drones flying and the colonies are everyone of them strong and in good condition, having lots of stores.

During the past week the bees have been gathering honey from dandelion, fruit bloom, wild cherry, and the same willow. The foreman thinks he could extract nearly a thousand pounds of fresh honey from the hives at the time of writing (May 18th.) To give an idea of the strength of the colonies we may say that he is already placing top stories on the Jones 12 framed deep hive.

We are daily receiving letters from bee-keepers from all parts of the Dominion, saying that prospects were never better and advising us to get a big supply of hives, sections etc. on hand as there will likely be a tremendous rush for these things within the next three weeks. We are pretty well prepared for such a rush and will be able to meet it without much trouble.

#### THE EXTRACTOR—MUST IT GO?

**T**HE apiarists who answered Query No. 230 in which was asked the question, "Must the extractor go?" were unanimous in their verdict that it had "come to stay." How any sane man can think for a moment

that such a thing was even likely, or even that it would benefit the bee-keeping community as a whole, to send it adrift, is beyond our comprehension. If a vote of all the bee-keepers were taken it would stand as 1,000 to 1 in favor of retaining the extractor, and who shall know better than these very men, what would effect their interests most beneficially. The editor of the Apiculturist is about the only one who argues against the continued use of the extractor, and we are sure that his objections will not turn anyone from their present opinions. "Rambler" says of this subject in its last issue:

The Apiculturist seems to be the champion of the non-extractionists.

The editor puts forth the edict that the extractor must go, and in the same or next number says, "Honey must be made into sugar." Certainly, to be sure, comb honey of course.

Now, my dearly-beloved non-extractionists, let us look a few facts in the face. 1. We have got the extractor, it is a great invention. 2. If city people don't want extracted honey, country people do. 3. There are as many honey lovers in the country as in the city. 4. If city people buy ten pounds of comb honey to one of extracted, country people buy *vice versa* and more so. 5. Hundreds of bee-keepers peddle their own honey and have worked up a large trade in extracted honey. Will they let the extractor go; not much. 6. Liquid honey is used for many industrial purposes, and the extractor has come to stay.