

A Quebec Province Rose Garden

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In this autumn season, one of the sources of satisfaction in growing roses is that many of the modern varieties have a second, and one might almost say

of beautiful roses in both the June and September seasons of bloom.

In regard to the beauty of the autumn bloom, Mr. MacGrady says that he

in the dark crimson varieties, and a Pierre Notting of June looks like a poor relation of the regal and magnificent Pierre Notting of September."

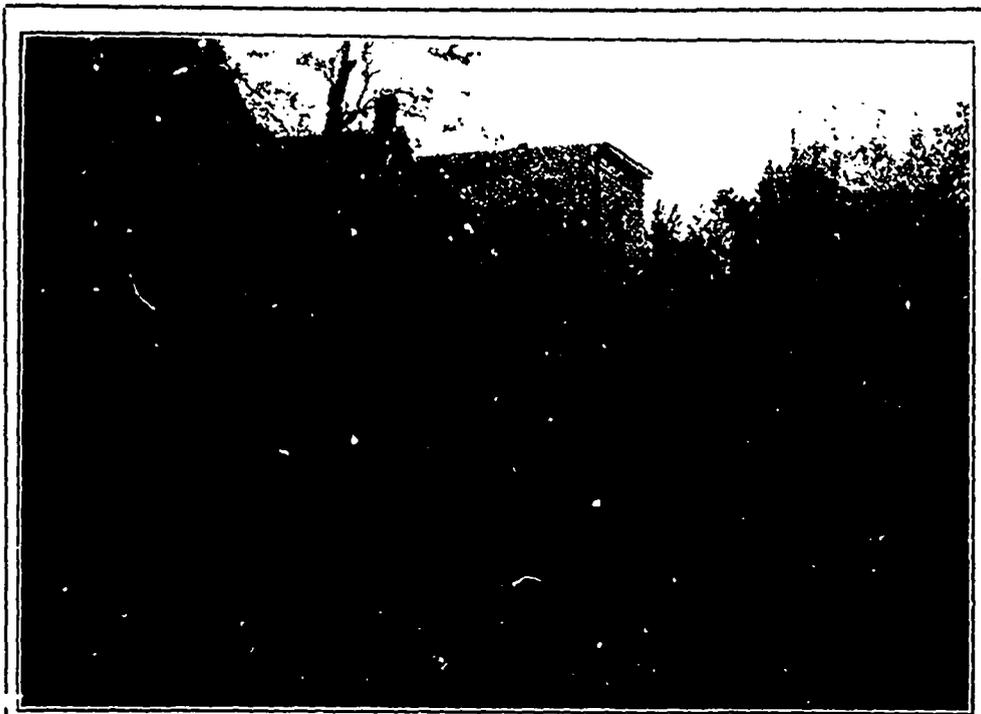
It might be remarked here by way of parenthesis that the English growers are very interested in having good beds of autumn blooming varieties. In the trial experiments with roses at the Ottawa Central Experimental Farm the present indications are that in future lists many of the recommended roses will be those giving a good amount of bloom in the autumn. One reason for this is that sometimes our season in June is so hot that the roses are past all too soon.

Altogether Mr. MacGrady has about four hundred rose bushes. Many of these are of recent fame, since each year a consignment of the newer introductions is imported from a firm located in the Duchy of Luxembourg, in which are included those brought out by English, French, German and Irish rose growers.

SOME GOOD VARIETIES

The following list of roses was prepared by Mr. MacGrady, by request, as being roses which he has found the best of the many varieties which he has cultivated:

White—Frau Karl Druschki, Merveille de Lyon; white with pink tints—Capt. Christy, Clio; light rose—Pride of Waltham, Mde. Gabrielle Luizet, Baroness Rothschild; bright rose—Eugenie Fremy, Capt. Hayward, Magna Charta; crimson—Gustave Piganeau, Mde. Victor Verdier, Eugene Furst; dark crimson—



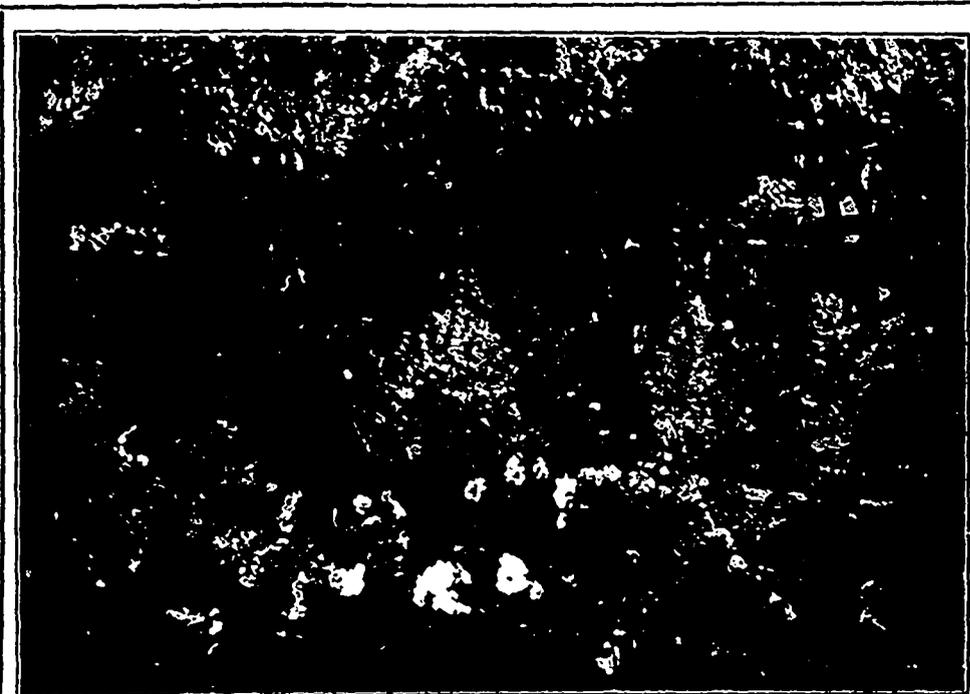
Mr. MacGrady in His Garden.—This G a General View of the Garden.

a continuous season of bloom. In fact there is a little garden, about a quarter of an acre in extent, not two miles from the Parliament Buildings of the Dominion, where they blossom in a riot of variety and profusion.

This garden is at Gatineau Point, a little Quebec village on the river almost opposite the picturesque part of Ottawa known as Rockcliffe. It is the creation and almost constant resort of a Mr. MacGrady. Unpretentious in many ways, being wedged in between small houses and rough boundary fences, it impresses one for that very reason with the potentialities for rose growing existing in a piece of land even in a climate as cold as that of Ottawa.

It is first of all a rose garden, because this flower, which is responsible for the stirring of more gardening ambitions than any other flower, holds premier place. Roses with Mr. MacGrady are not secondary, his garden was made for them and the soil is ideal. For years he has had good success with all classes of this flower. His system of growing does not differ materially from other systems. Neither has he won success by any secret or strange processes of culture. Wise consideration of the needs of the plants and a measure of patient loving care brings him a reward of thousands

finds "the quality of the flowers produced later in the season, and especially in autumn, far surpasses in size, form and color those that are given in June. These traits are particularly conspicuous



A View of the Garden from Near the Arch Showing Roses in Every Direction