



GATINEAU VALLEY, P. Q., Showing

had not these advantages. Each had to search out the best method for himself, and many in their experimenting paid dearly for the lessons learned; while now, by the improved hives and by being able to control the swarming, the young man in the business to-day can handle more than four times the amount of bees with less labor than he could have done in past years. Many of us know that the bee-keeping business is just in its infancy, owing to the rapid increase in the demand for honey. Never until the past few years has either the Government or the general public recognized what an important business bee-keeping is beginning to be throughout our country. Especially the Government is waking up to the fact that bee-keeping is one of the most promising industries of the future, and worthy of its aid in stamping out all bee diseases. The young man, under the new methods, will not now be so easily

contented with running one, but will want to expand out by running several yards, as it is a well-known fact that the honey is in the country, and it remains for us to increase our yards and have enough bees to collect it. If we are running for extracted honey, we must have plenty of combs, at least three supers for each stock, and never extract any honey whatever until it has been well ripened by the bees. By letting our honey get well ripened we will not only have a choice article, but we will soon find a ready market for the same, and those who buy once will want more, and thus we will not only create a larger demand for our honey, but we will also secure better prices. One of the main things to secure a good crop of honey is to have all colonies up in strong condition at the time the honey flow starts. In order to do this I know from my own experience that young queens raised the year before will in nearly all cases

build up a colony much stronger than the old queen. We can raise our colonies in the winter, and have in our yards some new colonies. I will here mention that I obtained 320 colonies the 1st of January from 15 colonies of brood chambers. I obtained 30 pounds of sugar from those that had about 30 colonies. I had plenty of honey, and fed any colony that all bees had wintered alive. As strong colonies from the honey flow had both wintered over with