

The examination was conducted in the Laboratory of the Department of Inland Revenue, under the supervision of Thomas MacFarlane, Chief Analyst. As shown above, 44 out of the 54 samples were found to be genuine, the proportion amounting to 81.5, and about the same as found in the collection of 1903. Evidently the larger proportion of adulteration is done in the West, or in shipments sent from the East to the West.

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It is with pleasure that we present the readers of this issue with a photograph of our friend, Mr. Arthur Laing of Hamilton, Ontario, who has on more than one occasion favored the "Canadian Bee Journal" with interesting and valuable contributions.

It will be remembered that two years ago we had a series of bright, racy sketches of his trip to Jamaica, and of his experiences on that island with bees, fleas, and other things. His address on "Bee-keeping in Jamaica vs. Bee-keeping in Canada," before the last convention of Ontario bee keepers, would convince most people that friend Laing did not find Jamaica a bee-keepers' paradise, nor would he recommend it to any one in search of such.

Mr. Laing is an annual exhibitor in the Honey Building at the National Exhibition, Toronto, and always puts a neat exhibit, and with considerable originality of design that adds to its effectiveness. His honey, too, he has never had any reason to be ashamed of, and generally comes in for a fair share of the prizes.

In reply to a number of questions, our friend has given us a brief sketch of his bee-keeping, to be used as we see fit. We are afraid we might spoil it if we tampered with it at all, so will use it as nearly as possible in his own words:

"On my birthday in the summer of 1886 a swarm of bees passed slowly over my head as I was plowing on my father's farm in the county of Nor-



MR. ARTHUR LAING, HAMILTON, ONTARIO

folk. These I secured, and purchased another colony later that season, but lost both the following spring. That fall I moved with our family to the village of Acton, in the county of Hamilton, and the following spring I bought ten colonies from my cousin, George Laing of Milton, and from that time to the present I always had quite an apiary of bees, sometimes more than a hundred hives and sometimes a little less. This summer I have had about the usual number—one hundred—but am doubling up a little for winter.

"I do not run my bees as a side-line to any other business, but owing to the great misfortune of getting foul brood in my apiary when I had just succeeded in bringing my yard up to about one hundred hives, I have been forced to use a side-line occasionally.