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The subject of the above illustration, is principally of Norwegian descent, some of his relatives having held office under the Norwegian government. Mr. Holtermann was, however, born in Germany (Hamburg), June 14, 1860. His parents emigrated to this country in 1862, living for twelve years at Vanbrugh, Renfrew Co. Here, as a boy, he acquired a great taste for country life, and made collections of insects which finally developed the study of bees.

Mr. Holtermann's youthful days were spent in a private school at New Edinburgh, from which he was transferred to the Ottawa Collegiate. Up to this time he was no stranger to the foot of his class. In 1875 he attended Upper Canada College and Hay's Commercial College, and took greater interest in study, ranking well in French and German. He also entered for a full course at the Ontario Agricultural College, taking in each year some of the highest prizes, and at graduation ranking second of the head of the college. He has since retained his association with that Institution, having been President of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, composed of students and ex-students of the College, and for years he has been its able secretary, and chairman of the agricultural committee.

Mr. Holtermann has attended seven gatherings of the North American Beekeepers' Conventions, during the last nine years, becoming acquainted with Lois, the daughter of Mr. S. T. Pettit of Belmont,—to whom he is married—at the convention at Rochester. He has twice been a vice-president and, one year, secretary of the North American Beekeepers' Convention. He is at Brantford president of the Brant association, belongs to the Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Y.M.C.A., A.O.U.W. and the order of Oddfellows. He has written much for the *Farmers' Advocate*, *Live Stock Journal*, *Rural Canadian*, the *Globe*, *Mail*, *Empire*, United States Bee