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Abner Pickett.

THE following sketch of Mr. Abner Pickett is furnished by a friend of his at our special request:—

The subject of our sketch resides in the township of Nassagaweya, county of Halton, and is about fifty years of age. He was born in the county where he now resides. His parentage



ABNER PICKETT.

was mixed English and Irish, and he partakes of some of the best qualities of both nationalities. He is firm in his adherence to right principles, and his own views of what he thinks and knows for himself, and is at the same time ardent in his sympathies and affec-

tions. He is a kind parent—firm in the government of his family, and courteous and kind to his friends. He is much respected in the county where he resides, and is an earnest, useful and influential worker in the church to which he belongs. He is an enthusiastic apiarist, and devotes much of his time and thought to finding out the best methods of bee culture, of which he has now had an experience of fifteen years in this, his favored pursuit. He is a careful student of literature relating to this work, having read "Quinby's Mysteries of Beekeeping," "A.B.C. of Bee Culture," *The American Bee Journal*, and *THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL* from the publication of its first number. He speaks very highly of the above publications and recommends them to all who wish to become proficient apiarists. He says he owes much to the information he has obtained from them in making him as successful as he is in the culture of bees. For several years after he began he met with much disappointment by the loss of many colonies, in his unsuccessful efforts to winter them, and in the losses by foul brood, so extensively experienced in the year 1884. He has, however, by perseverance, surmounted these difficulties, and has now one hundred and fifty colonies doing successful work, and producing honey that is extensively known and enquired for, and commands ready sale at good prices. He has for several years been a director of the Ontario Beekeeper's Association, of which he is now the vice-president. His attention has been principally turned to the best methods of producing extracted honey, and the manufacture of comb foundation. He also makes all his own