

# The Apiary of S. T. Pettit.

**T**HE ENGRAVING here presented shows the home and apiary of S. T. Pettit, Belmont, as it appeared some years ago. While the hives Mr. Pettit now uses, are not as deep as those presented in the picture, it is a fair representation of his home to-day. The honey house, acknowledged by those who travel, to be the best in the country, stands out prominently. The work shop under which rests that famous and well constructed bee cellar, can scarcely be seen amongst the trees, as also is hidden from view a goodly part of the apiary.

There is, probably, no man in the pro-

his neighbors secure only average results it must be admitted that these phenomenal results are due to good management.

His colonies are exceedingly strong in the spring and throughout the season are managed with the utmost care. Surplus colonies are destroyed in the fall of the year. Mr. Pettit is a hard worker and extremely particular about having everything done thoroughly, there must be no guess work; the slightest detail, to many a bee-keeper not worthy of notice, must be attended to.

He has done much to establish the fact that bees can be wintered with just as great a certainty as any other live stock on the



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vince who has made more money out of bee-keeping. He has never made it a point to have many colonies, spring count being generally under 100 colonies, but he has made it his aim to manage them well. His experience with bees covers nearly twenty years and he has from one season's crop of honey secured over \$1000 in cash. Last season (1893) from 79 colonies, spring count he secured a little over 12,000 pounds of honey and in the past he has done even better than this. Some may say, Mr. Pettit must be in an exceptionally good

farm. He does not know, from practical experience what winter losses are, having his bees always strong and ready to avail themselves of any honey flow, he has only failed to get a crop one year. Mr. Pettit has not responded much to frequent solicitations to contribute to the apicultural press. Being a successful man the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is to be congratulated as having him a contributor amongst many others.

[We may in a future number give the apiary in working order.—ED.]