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Mr. Holtermann's Visit.—Photo of My Apiary, &c.

I WAS quite pleased to have that visit from Mr. Holtermann, as recorded by myself in your issue of the 15th ulto., and also flattered at the complimentary manner in which he informed your readers of the condition of the apiary, &c.

I had been contemplating, for some time previous to Mr. Holtermann's arrival, having a 10x12 photo taken of the apiary, and am now consequently able to present you with one, which I send by this mail. But as I do not expect all the readers of the JOURNAL, will have a peep at it, I hope you may think sufficiently of it to have it framed and placed on exhibition at Toronto, as I think it will compare favorably in its equipment and general appearance with any other apiary of its size (at present sixty colonies) in Canada.

You will, of course, observe that the picture is very distinct, showing not only the hive numbers, but also the names of most of the prominent bee-keepers in Canada and the U. S., including, as a matter of course Mr. D. A. Jones. You will perceive, too, the Langstroth observing hive made for me in 1863, and the position it occupies in the apiary; and no doubt you will concur with me that it is where it rightly belongs, viz: first and foremost in the row. The solar extractor, tool, and queen cage boxes, Millers' feeder, hive cart, &c., are all quite prominent, all being properly labelled, and

in complete harmony with the other surroundings. The L.S. on a number of the hives specifies the Langstroth half-strey super, which I advocate, and find very convenient under some circumstances. The letter H. stands for Heddon.



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I think it needless to go further into particulars, as the photo speaks for itself. It might not, however, be out of place to state, that no special arranging or preparation of the apiary was made for the purpose except that the ladies "got ready" as most ladies do under similar circumstances, and with this explanation I will now introduce you to the members,