inspiring to our young men, imparting ambition to excel, and suggesting hints for their guidance.

Such an example is set before them in the case of Mr. R. McKnight, of Owen Sound, who came to Canada from Ireland in the year 1836, at the age of nineteen, to seek his fortune. His first employment was in a saw mill, where, owing to his ambition to stand first to his qualifications, he

became, in six months time, manager of the concern, a post he held for three vears.

In 1860 he turned his hard to teaching, school. which profession he pursued with ability for vears, and, later on, devoted himself to mercantile life, which he conducted successfully in Markdale, Cookstown. last of all in Mea-

ford. Not long since, he was appointed Registrar for the County of North Grey, a position which led him to reside in Owen Sound. His home surroundings at the latter place testify to his taste and skill in horticulture, and, although properly classed among the beekeepers from the especial attention he gives to that pursuit, yet as a fruit grower he holds no mean place, and merits a notice in these pages.

In reply to a letter asking Mr.

Mcknight for some notes of his life as a horticulturist, he wrote the following letter which we insert in full:-

DEAR SIR:—Referring to your favor of the 10th April, in which you note receipt of electrotype, kindly offering to use it if furnished with notes, I have to say in reply that nothing I have done in the way of horticultural pursuits entitle me to be classed among the prominent promoters of the industry. I have never

been other than what may be fairly termed an amateur in the business. I have two orchards: but my home one receives most of what attention I bestow on the culture of fruit. In this I cultivate all the fruit - large and small-adapted to this section of Ontario. Some years ago I thought of growing what peaches would serve my own family, if that were possible. To this end I ordered one hundred trees of the most suitable varieties,

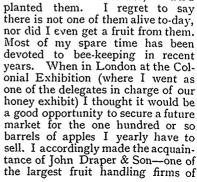




FIG. 45 .- R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.