

The grounds of Haddo House have long been celebrated for their extent and variety, and for the care bestowed upon their upkeep. The "Premier Earl," during the long period that the estate was in his hands, planted some thousands of acres of trees of the ordinary kinds suited to the soil and climate, and he also formed a pinetum of rare and beautiful specimens, many of which have now grown to a considerable size. The present Earl has followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and his father, and has planted extensively, besides keeping up and developing the grounds, and adding considerably to the hot-houses.

His Excellency has also, for several years, rented a small estate, known as Dollis Hill, a few miles from London. This delightful place has become notable from the frequent visits which Mr. Gladstone has paid there to Lord and Lady Aberdeen. In this sequestered spot the great statesman has always found a quiet and pleasant retreat. At Dollis Hill, His Excellency has farmed about a hundred acres of land. The flower and fruit gardens, though small, are very productive and very pretty.

In 1890, in the course of a trip through Canada with Lady Aberdeen, the Earl purchased a farm of about five hundred acres in the Okanagan District, in the valley known as "Mission." There Lord and Lady Aberdeen have built a neat residence, and have named the estate "Guisachan," after Lady Aberdeen's Highland home,—"Guisachan" being the Gaelic for "the place of the firs." This estate has been laid out mostly in fruit, and promises well. Various kinds

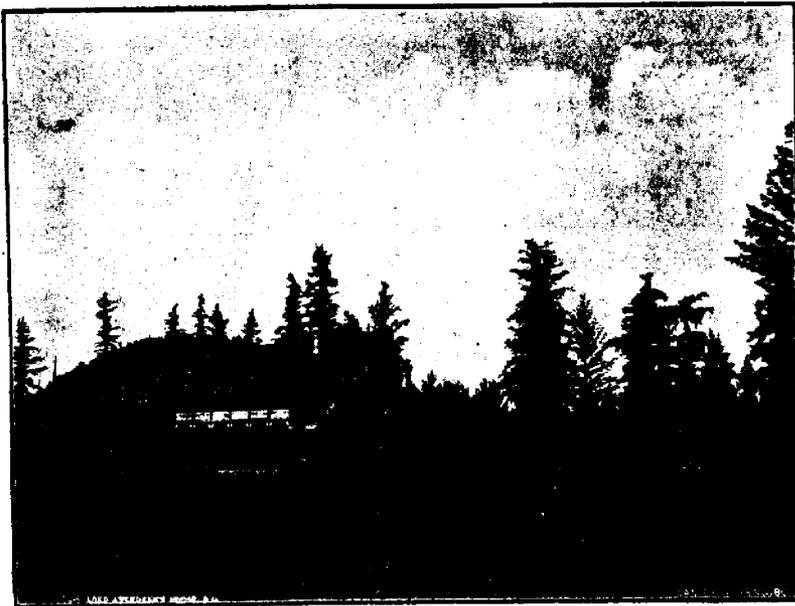


FIG. 693. —LORD ABERDEEN'S HOUSE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.