

PREFACE.

During twenty years' practical experience in bee-keeping in the climate of Canada, I have from year to year, when meeting with the bee-keeping public, been continually pressed with questions relating to the successful cultivation of the honey bee. These questions I have always deemed it a pleasure to answer, either with the pen or verbally, as fully as my time and ability would permit, always believing that my light is none the less for lighting that of my neighbors.

The object, therefore, of publishing this work, is to answer in a practical and condensed form all necessary questions relative to the management of the honey bee. In writing this work it has been my object to express, in as few words as possible, the results of my own practical experience, as well as that of other eminent apiarians, rather than relate the process by which those results were reached; and I have not departed from this rule, except in some instances where my experience differs from that of other apiarians that have written before me.

As there are still many who are determined to plod along in the paths of their ancestors, and keep bees in the common box hive, I have given directions in this work for the box hive, as well as for moveable comb hives, hoping that such bee keepers will, after perusing the work, be enabled to see the great advantage to be derived from the moveable comb system.

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