

sends off swarms is not always a honey-producer that season; hence the bee-keeper who is working for surplus honey is generally endeavouring to find a sure method for the prevention of swarming.

The purpose of this book is to set the beginner in bee-keeping in British Columbia on the right track, but he is advised to see, if possible, an experienced apiarist open and examine a hive, if for no other reason than to gain confidence in himself, so that he may do slowly and methodically what he is tempted to rush rather hastily. A slow man usually makes the best bee-keeper.



Fig. 3. Apiary of Miss Gillander, Ladner. In her second year of bee-keeping this young lady managed sixteen colonies, securing 1,000 lb. of extracted honey.

HOW TO START BEE-KEEPING.

In most regions the best time to begin bee-keeping is in the end of April or the beginning of May. Not only is it near the commencement of the honey-flow, which in this Province is mostly from white clover in July, but the risk of loss through the death of the colony is at the minimum. Of course, the novice is ignorant of what constitutes a good colony; but if he buys a hive in which the bees are clustering in