

gray fuzz, the color of steel freshly broken. A single worker bee can stand a lower temperature than any other worker bee, this too is owing to changeable climatic condition, side by side tests with other races, give the Carniolan a decided preference.

The bees are excellent honey gatherers, perhaps not quite equal to some eastern bees, but ahead of Italian. If kept in the same sized hive as the Italian a tendency to swarm may be developed, having been bred in a cold and raw atmosphere, extreme heat may give them the swarming impulse. More shade, and more ventilation is needed. Make the hive one quarter larger than with queen of the ordinary races. A eight-frame hive for the Italian would require at least a ten-frame hive for the Carniola. Individual bees being hardier, a colony is of course hardier. The bees are very dormant and quiet during the winter, very good wintering qualities. The bees are extremely gentle. Before the bee-keepers destroyed their bees in the autumn, Prof Benton when in Carniola would take fifty to sixty queens out of the boxes surrounded by perhaps three-hundred spectators and although not taken out during a honey flow, the people as far as he knew were never strung. If any thought they had Carniolan bees and they were not more gentle then they simply had other blood in them. He sometimes worked in his apiary until midnight with the Carniolan bees by the light of a lantern. The temper of the bees come largely from the

male. He preferred the Carniolan bees from the north to those from the south as in the latter district there was more Italian blood. There was an element of yellow blood continuously cropping out, he never saw an apiary without some in it. Other qualities were, the bees were inclined to keep on gathering honey right up to the time they swarmed giving no notice. They had a tendency to breed when honey was not actually coming in, he liked that trait, by this bees prepared themselves for subsequent harvests when others were not ready. All in all they were better than Italian bees.

The capping of the honey was whiter than that of Italian bees, they propolized but little, in Carniola, but little propolis was produced, they often use wax instead of propolis. When queenless, the entrance should be contracted, as they do not defend the entrance to the hive quite as well as Italians.

Prof. Benton stated that Cyprian bees would gather more honey than any other bees, even Carniolans.

Others present indorsed the statements of Prof Benton as to Carniolan bees, these bees are much on the increase in New York State.

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