

### Carniolian Bees.

Carniolian bees from the elevated Alpine regions of Carniola, Austria, are universally recognized as extremely gentle. Their hue is dark greyish black, or when flying in the sun present a steel blue color. The most distinctive feature which gives them a quiet beauty lies in the four rows of pubescent hair, which are denser and much lighter than in the ordinary bee. The queens are large, and often of a full bronze color, while the drones are strong and solid. The excellent qualities of these bees are gentleness, good combbuilders, gathering but little propolis, using wax instead. They winter well in cold climates, are long lived, and in the production of comb honey the capings are exceedingly white, as they do not fill the cells so full that the honey touches the capings.

There are but a few of this race of bees as yet introduced into California.

Beekeepers are testing them, and but for their swarming propensity, which is more marked than in other races, they would grow in favor.

Carniolians can scarcely be distinguished from the common black bee. They are not so strikingly beautiful as the Golden Italian, and the latter has for many years been the favored bee. If the Carniolians prove to be the better honey gatherer there can be no question but they will come to the front, for while beauty is good to look upon in a honey bee, the addition of a thousand more pounds in our honey yield is a more practical factor, and a factor that wins. It is possible that the

swarming propensity may be overcome, or at least reduced by using larger hives. The race seems to be worthy of a thorough test, and are recommended by such authorities as Cheshire and Benton (to whom we are indebted for some of the above facts.) Many eastern bee-keepers are also enthusiastic in their praises. —The Rural Californian.

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Residence and Apiary of Mr. F. E. Finch,  
Oshawa, Ont.

We are indebted to Farming for the above cut which illustrates one of the most picturesque and comfortable homes in Ontario—the residence of Mr. F. E. French in Oshawa. Mr. French has kept an apiary of about 50 colonies for the last ten or twelve years and with what he modestly terms a “moderate degree of success.” Besides attending to the many duties connected with the management of his large farm. His line as a beekeeper and honey producer is almost entirely comb honey. Buckwheat is very extensively grown in the surrounding district rendering the production of nice white combs very difficult indeed.