Carniolian Bees.

Carniolian bees from the elevated Alpine regions of Carniolia, 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 olor, while the drones re strong and solid. The excellent qualities f these bees are gentleess, good combbuilders, rathering but little proolis, using wax instead. They winter well in cold limates, are long lived. ndin the production of omb honey the capings re exceedingly white, s they do not fill the ells so full that the oney touches the cap-

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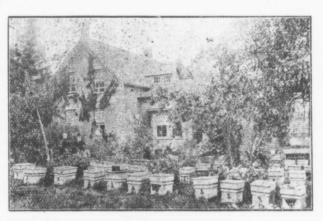
ekeepers are testing them, and it for their swarming propensity, hich is more marked ghan in other ces, they would grow tin favor.

Carniolians can scarcely be disnguished from the common black
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autiful as the Golden Italian, and
te latter has for many years been
te favored bee. If the Carniolians
tove to be the better honey gatherer
tere can be no question but they
auty is good to look upon in a
mey bee, the addition of a thousand
more pounds in our honey yield
amore practical factor, and a factor
at 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 authorties 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.

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

We are indebted to Farming for th 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.