

increase from the Italians and I got 65 from from the Carniolans.

Mr. Hutchison: How about the locality?

Mr. Post: I couldn't see any difference. They were five miles apart. When they were taken to the Murray Canal for Golden Rod and Buckwheat there was no difference at all, I am sure, because they were within a distance that they could reach one another.

Mr. Hutchison: You prefer the pure?

Mr. Post: No, I like them crossed, I began with pure queens and I let them cross with the Italians first, then I raised queens from these and they would mate with what we call pure carniolan drones.

Mr. Hutchison: There would be a preponderance of Carniolan.

Mr. Post: Yes. I got the first six about July, and on the buckwheat I could see a difference between them and the Italians; there was no comparison between them. And ever since they have wintered better and have built up better in the spring. That is my experience since 1897.

Mr. Gemmel: There is a great difference in Carniolan blood. I find there is a great difference in the working qualities of bees from different Carniolan queens, just as there is from different Italians queens. Mr. Hall would tell you the same thing if he were here. He was at first greatly tickled with the Carniolans and I don't think he cares anything about them now.

Mr. Post: I could see no difference.

Mr. Gemmel: You probably got a good strain first.

Mr. Hutchison: Where did you get yours, if it is a fair question?

Mr. Post: From Mr. R. F. Holterman. He was visiting at my place and we went out hunting one day,

the wind blew very hard and we were disappointed, he told me if I would send him a little string of game some day he would make me a present of half a dozen Carniolan queens. I sent him along some ducks, and he wrote me the next summer, about the middle of June, asking if I was ready for the queens and I told him yes, I was: he sent them along and I introduced them. I don't know where they came from. I have kept bees as a specialty since before the organization of this Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association and I have tested all kinds of bees and they are the only bees for me to-day.

Mr. Morley Pettit: Do you find any difficulty in hiving the swarms?

Mr. Post: We don't have any swarms to hive. When the basswood is in bloom or about half over I make two frame nuclei and give each a young queen; then I move them to buckwheat, after they are moved I go through these and give them two more combs from the old colony and just let them go, and they make the very best colonies that I know of.

Mr. Hutchison: Carniolans have been called great swarmers.

Mr. Post: I don't find them swarmers. It was a case of superseding queens that caused any swarms I had.

Mr. Gemmel: I don't think there is another man here who could handle the bees Mr. Post does and I think I have so few swarms.

Mr. Post: My neighbors do it.

Mr. Hutchison: What is your surplus from?

Mr. Post: Clover, basswood and buckwheat.

Mr. Craig: As most of you are aware I have been connected with the same bee yards as Mr. Holterman and I perhaps know a little of the Carniolans referred to. We had the same breeds in our

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