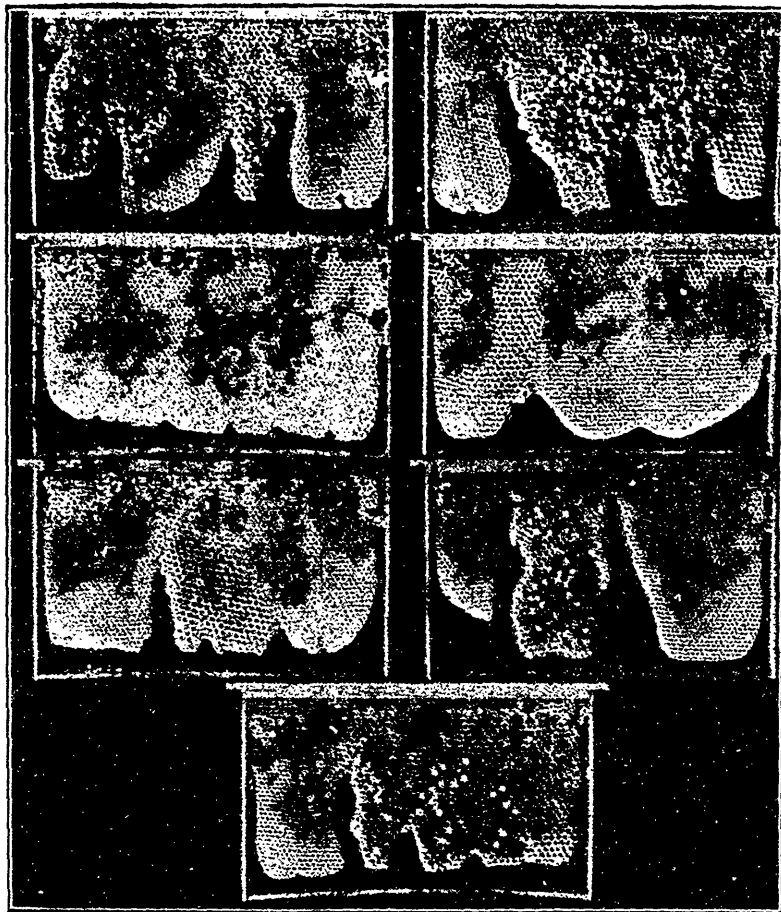


Carniolan Bees.

During the fall of 1896 we received two dozen tested Carniolan Queens, and introduced them to colonies of bees made

their tendency to swarm, we decided to test them, first of all, as to their disposition in this direction.

First, let me say that more than ordinary precaution was taken to give the hives shade and ventilation, particularly the latter; and room was given, as far as conditions and circumstances would warrant. The swarms from twelve of the colonies were placed in hives with only foundation starters in the frames, while



queenless for the purpose. This was done in the latter part of July and August, in ample time to give the colonies time to develop a large number of these bees to go into winter quarters. It was our intention to test these bees in a general way, but, owing to conflicting reports as to

the other twelve were given frames containing full sheets. I may say that in general we found the bees very gentle; they built up well in the spring, and the only point I could detect in which they were inferior to the Italian, was that the queen being black, there was much greater