

ARTICLE II.

MOLLUSCS FOUND IN THE OYSTER BEDS OF
COCAGNE, N. B.,
BEDEQUE AND SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

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The materials for the investigation which has yielded the accompanying list were as follows: Two barrels of oysters from Cocagne, N. B., one barrel from Bedeque, P. E. I., and about thirty-five barrels from Summerside, P. E. I. Small shells reported occur chiefly in the mud or sand dredged up with the oyster. The process of investigation has been to take either the oyster shells themselves, or the mud which settles in the barrel, or is left on the table where the oysters are opened, clean with a little water, then examine carefully, with a lens, all the fragments which remain.

The work has been done chiefly on oysters from Summerside, those being the ones at hand. Much more might be obtained by a careful search among other beds, but I give the list as it is.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. F. Ganong, of Harvard College, for his assistance in determining species.

An *extempore* talk, illustrated by the specimens found, was delivered before the society at its meeting in March. The following species were found:—

Nassa trivittata. Occurs occasionally at Summerside and Cocagne. Specimens small.

Nassa obsoleta. A single specimen from Summerside.

Columbella lunata. Occurs regularly at Summerside, varying in color from a very dark brown to a bright tint mottled with brown.