

out the summer. Mr. Hughes has also made collections of insects and other natural history objects.—C. E. D. Chubbuck.

HUDSONIAN CHICKADEE (*Parus Hudsonicus*).—A specimen of this rather rare northern bird was seen in an orchard in Ottawa East on the 23rd October.—W. A. D. Lees.

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## ENTOMOLOGY.

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CALOSOMA SCRUTATOR AT OTTAWA.—A single wing-case of this magnificent beetle, not previously recorded from Ottawa, was found by Mr. Andrew Halkett upon Parliament Hill. Judging from the fresh appearance of the fragment, the specimen had been recently killed. This species is frequently found in Western Ontario and is sometimes washed up along the shores of Lake Ontario in large numbers, but the only other record from this part of Canada is a single specimen taken by Mr. J. D. Evans at Sudbury, Ont.—J. F.

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## BOTANY.

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AUTUMN TINTS.—The foliage this year about Ottawa lacks the usual variety and brilliancy of tints usually seen. Cold weather without frost seemed to hasten the process of decay without bringing out the glowing colours.

On this subject of colours some trees seem independent of weather in the matter of autumnal clothing. *Acer Ginnala*, a dwarf maple from the valley of the Amur River has been as glowing as ever in its garb of bright red, looking in the distance like a ball of fire.

The Red Oak, too, with its rich crimson plumes is always reliable. A row of these, in the Experimental Farm nursery, along side of the yellow gold of the Cut-leaved Birch, presents an effect very pleasing to the eye. Cut-leaved Sumach (*Rhus glabra*, var. *laciniata*) at this time in point of colouring is identical with the sturdy oak, but presents a great