

The illustrations include 64 plates, of which seven are coloured, and 401 text figures. They are of very variable quality, being the work of several different artists. The great majority are excellent in every respect, some of the plates, such as Plate XV, on which a group of Buprestids is shown in colour, being of great beauty and finish. Some of the coloured plates, however, are poor, and among the text figures are a few exceedingly crude sketches, which look like rough field notes that had never been intended for reproduction.

As a pioneer effort in the study of Indian forest insects, the book is deserving of great praise and will undoubtedly be the most useful work on the subject of Indian forest beetles for many years hence. We look forward with pleasure to the appearance of the next volume in this series.

A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE INSECTS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Part II—Diptera (Two-winged Flies). Compiled by Albert F. Winn (Westmount) and Germain Beaulieu (Ottawa). Published as a supplement to the 7th Report of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants, 1915.

We received with much pleasure recently a copy of Part II of the Quebec List of Insects, dealing with the Diptera or Two-winged Flies. As so few entomologists in Canada have given any attention to the systematic study of this order, it was with some surprise that we noted the names of nearly 800 species in the list. This number must, of course, be very far short of the actual number of species which inhabit the Province, but it is a very creditable beginning, and sets an example that should be emulated by entomologists in other Provinces.

The same plan is followed in this list as in that of the Lepidoptera, except in the omission of illustrations—an improvement in our opinion.

The localities given for species are naturally fewer than is the case of the Lepidoptera, there being fewer collectors of this order. A large proportion of the species were collected by the junior author and Mr. G. Chagnon, of Montreal.