

INTRODUCTION

It is again my pleasant privilege to say a few words by way of introduction to **PART III, COLEOPTERA — A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE INSECTS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.** This list of beetles is largely the work of Mr. G. Chagnon, one of the enthusiastic group of systematic entomologists of the Montreal Society of which Mr. A. F. Winn is president.

Mr. Chagnon has been for many years an ardent collector of Lepidoptera, Diptera and Coleoptera, and his collections of Quebec forms are unusually complete. It is to be regretted that pressure of vocational duties since 1912 has prevented him from devoting as much time as he and his friends would wish to the avocational studies among his beloved beetles and flies.

For the information of students of insects it may be of interest to know that **PART I—LEPIDOPTERA**—by A. F. Winn, was published in 1912, and **PART II—DIPTERA**, by A. F. Winn and G. Beaulieu, in 1915. Other Parts will follow as soon as they can be prepared.

I desire again to thank the Minister of Agriculture, the Honorable J. E. Caron, for his continued help in publishing this List as an Appendix to the Ninth Annual Report of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants.

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