

from the seed depends very much, as in the case of the Pea Weevil, on the temperature in the autumn months ; it may be in the late autumn or not until spring ; when the seed beans are stored in a warm building, the beetles may emerge at any time through the winter. One of the important differences between the life-histories of the Pea and Bean Weevils is that, whereas in the case of the former the young grubs can only enter the soft green seeds, those of the Bean Weevil can propagate for three or four generations in the dry stored seeds. This fact renders the well-known domestic remedy for the Pea Weevil, of holding over the seed for two years, quite ineffective in the case of the Bean Weevil ; that is, if a bag of peas infested with the Pea Weevil were put away for two years, the Pea Weevils would emerge the first spring and die in the bags. But, in the case of a bag of beans infested by the Bean Weevil kept in the same way, the beetles on emerging would at once set to work to lay eggs on the beans. The young grubs when hatched would penetrate the dry seeds and go through all their stages, and this breeding might be repeated as long as the supply of beans lasted. Curiously enough, the Pea Weevil does not bore holes through the paper or cotton bags in which infested seed has been stored, but in the case of the Bean Weevil, such bags are readily perforated and the beetles escape,—frequently, when this happens in houses, as is sometimes the case, to the great consternation of the inhabitants." (Fletcher, Bull. 52, Cent. Exp. Farm, Ottawa.)

In the United States the Bean Weevil has been known for a great many years. It was first found injuring cultivated beans in America in 1860, near Providence, Rhode Island. Since then it has become widespread in distribution in that country, and has done a considerable amount of damage. At first it was considered to be a native species, but it is now thought that the original home of the insect was in Asia, and that it was introduced into America through commerce. The first record of injury done by the Bean Weevil in Canada was in 1898, in Middlesex County, Ontario, and since then two further instances of loss from the ravages of this insect have been reported from Quebec Province. Quite recently the writer heard of the presence of the Bean Weevil at Guelph, Ont., in beans imported for seed from the United States. [It has also been reported from Aurora, Ont.—Ed. C. E.]

The Bean Weevil shown herewith is only about half the size of the Pea Weevil, but resembles it in general appearance. The best remedy