

this rare plant was also collected at Griswold, Man., some years ago. Mr. Criddle's painting represents the variety admirably.

Another rare plant of interest to botanists, of which the drawing was much noticed, was *Townshendia sericea*. *Boltonia asteroides*, which has been seldom collected in Canada, was found by Mr. Criddle at Aweme.

Some of the interesting varietal forms represented in this collection were albinos of *Liatris punctata*, *Monarda fistulosa*, var. *mollis*, *Silene antirrhina*, and *Anemone patens*, var. *Nuttalliana*. There was also a yellow-fruited form of wild raspberry (*Rubus strigosus*) and a pale-yellow-flowered form of *Lilium Philadelphicum*. *Polygala paucifolia* was of interest as the first record of this pretty flower in Manitoba. *Corallorhiza striata*, a widely distributed but always rare plant, attracted much notice on account of its rarity in the Ottawa district. *Oxytropis Lambertii* was shown with both colour varieties, the ordinary yellowish white and the rose purple. This plant is the "Loco weed" of the South-western States, but no ill effects to horses on our plains have ever been recorded. A variety of *Lepachys columnaris* with the golden-yellow flowers blotched with seal-brown, which is not very uncommon on the plains, would be a valuable acquisition in the flower garden.

These paintings of Mr. Criddle's are only a part of his collection, as he has previously sent down two equally large packets similar to the present one, every plant in which was drawn with the same accuracy and taste as those above referred to. Mr. Criddle is also making a collection of drawings of the insects of Manitoba, from which some new records for the Province have been made. It is just such careful individual work as Mr. Criddle is doing which is of most value to specialists when working up the scientific geographical distribution of plants and animals.—
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