

been sown in the field several years ago. This assumption, of course, adds the problem as to where the grass and clover seed received the contamination. Possibly other records of its occurrence in Canada may be forthcoming.

From an agricultural point of view, *Thymus Serpyllum* is not welcome. Its habit of growth here would indicate that it might prove sturdily aggressive. But from the artistic point of view it is very beautiful; and to a Canadian amateur botanist gives meaning, for the first time, to the poet's line, "I know a bank whereon the wild thyme grows."

NOTES ON THE LEPIDOPTERA OF LAKE ROSSEAU DISTRICT, MUSKOKA, ONTARIO.

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At the head of one of the many small bays of the above charming lake, the delightfully quiet summer resort of Rostrevor is situated. Surrounded with rich, varied and even virgin woods, it offers many interesting studies to the naturalist. During a three weeks' stay at Rostrevor in September, 1907, the writer spent some time in making collections of the insects of the immediate vicinity. It was late in the season, however, to get any fair idea of the insect fauna of the district, and the weather too, most of the time, was unfavourable. The lepidoptera were given special attention and the following list of species taken is merely presented as a contribution towards a better knowledge of that order of insects occurring in that portion of northern Ontario. It will be noticed that many of the species are common or of widespread distribution, but a few are interesting on account of their rarity or owing to the fact that they are the first Canadian captures of which we have record. The majority of the specimens were collected "at light." Besides the moths which were attracted to the bright acetylene lights on the verandah of the boarding-house, two other kinds of insects were very abundant, viz.: the common and widespread *Polystachotes punctatus*, and the "lamellicorn" beetle, *Ligyris relictus*. The former has the habit of flying quietly and lazily, but the latter appeared suddenly from out of the darkness, circling around the lights and making a loud buzzing noise, much to the consternation of the guests.