

Provancher described *calidus* from a specimen which I sent to him, and although I cannot now remember the insect, the description shows that it is very close to the species since described by Ashmead as *pulcher*. Perhaps the latter may be only a variety.

NEMATUS PALLIDIVENTRIS, FALLEN—A FRESH IMPORTATION.

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In September of last year I discovered the larvæ of a species of *Nematus* feeding upon a willow introduced from Russia by the late Mr. Charles Gibb. Like others of the genus these larvæ were gregarious and threw up the hinder parts of the body when disturbed. They were full fed and buried themselves on September 24th. The flies appeared in the end of March. The following is a description of the insect:—

Full-grown larva.—One inch long; head dark brown; body pale green above with numerous black dots, pale greenish-yellow underneath; anal segment yellow.

Pupa.—Enclosed in a dark brown cocoon, less compact than that of *N. Erichsonii*.

Imago.—Length of body four lines; expanse of wings six and a-half lines; head and thorax black; antennæ brown; ocelli prominent, stand out like black heads; legs honey-yellow, tarsi of hind legs brown; abdomen pale orange, with a dorsal line of triangular spots—a spot to a segment—the obtuse angle of one spot approaching the middle of the base of the next, and so on to the end.

I submitted the perfect insects to the Reverend Abbé Provancher, and he has kindly informed me that after careful examination, and comparison of them with specimens of his own collection, he has come to the conclusion that the species is *Nematus pallidiventr**is*, Fallen, of Sweden, France, etc., and that it is a new addition to our Hymenopterous fauna. The insect, he says, is very near to several of our American species but identical with none.

Should this new importation become established in this country, it will be interesting to watch its progress.