

had obtained from the original locality a good supply of specimens in perfect order, and although these agreed with the original description perfectly, they should only be labelled as "typical," and he was of the opinion that the describer even would not be justified in labelling them "type." Professor Osborn agreed with the last speaker.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTES ON IPS.

In vol. xvii., p. 46, of the CAN. ENT., Dr. John Hamilton gives some notes on *Ips fasciatus* and allied forms. He says:—"The form *fasciatus* is the most common here (Allegheny, Penn.), and is that into which all the others are resolved; in it the elytra are black with an irregular broad basal, and a sub-apical fascia, yellow; individuals are met with totally black without any spot; others have only a small basal and sub-apical spot yellow (more often reddish); others add to these a humeral lunule; others have various other spots, and by the gradual dilation and coalescing of these through a series of specimens, the full form *fasciatus* is reached." He further says that he has never met with these black and spotted forms at any other time than in early spring, usually during April. As the season advances these entirely disappear and the fasciate form alone remains, continuing till autumn. Judging from my observations of these forms at Montreal, I cannot quite agree with Dr. Hamilton's opinion. I find that in the fasciate form the colour is bright clear yellow, while in all the spotted specimens that I have seen the colour is very pale yellow, almost white; the difference in this respect being very marked. With respect to seasons, I find that the spotted form, or what I take to be *4-signatus*, occurs during summer as well as in spring, as the following notes will show:—April 24th, 1886, found *Ips fasciatus* and the spotted forms common at a bleeding stump on Montreal Mountain, *4-signatus* being most abundant. June 12th, 1886, found several specimens of *Ips 4-signatus* in a small hole in the bark of an oak tree, where the sap was oozing out. August 5th, 1886, found a specimen of *Ips 4-signatus* on a tombstone in Mount Royal Cemetery. August 15th, 1886, found a specimen of *Ips 4-signatus* on a tomato on the breakfast table. July 26th,