

BOTANICAL NOTES.

ACER DASYCARPUM.—I have for seven years kept a careful note of the time of blooming of a healthy tree of the Silver Maple (*Acer dasycarpum*) which stands on the north side of James street, Ottawa, in front of my house. Thinking that these dates might be of interest to others as well as myself, I send them to THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. On the following dates the tree was fairly well covered with blossoms :

1895—	April 18th.	
1896—	" 16th.	
1897—	" 11th.	First flowers April 8th.
1898—	" 2nd.	
1899—	" 20th.	
1900—	" 15th.	
1901—	" 15th.	

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A NEW MEADOW-RUE.—Mr. M. L. Fernald examined the Geological Survey specimens of *Thalictrum* a few months ago and among them found a new species which he has named *T. confine*, and described and figured in *Rhodora* for Dec. 1900. It was collected by Prof. Macoun in thickets at Hemlock Lake near Ottawa, in flower Aug. 8th, 1894. Fruiting specimens of this species were collected by Mr. Fernald in Sept., 1900, in Maine. *T. occidentale* has also been found to be common in the Maritime provinces, and it is not unlikely that it too will be found at Ottawa where *T. dioicum* and *T. polygamum* are common. The meadow-rues should always be collected in fruit.

AGRIMONY.—The two species of Agrimony, *A. hirsuta* and *A. Brittoniana* should both be found in the Ottawa district though only the former species is represented in the herbarium of the Geological Survey. *A. hirsuta* has short, turbinate fruit, the dilated marginal rim of the convex disk bearing numerous reflexed spreading hairs ; in *A. Brittoniana* the disk is flat or concave, the bristles short, crowded, inflexed and connivent over the sepals, the fruit is long-turbinate. In the former species the leaves are thin with the margins and nerves beneath ciliate, in the latter species the leaves are thickish, rugose and softly pubescent beneath, the margins finely scabrous-ciliolate.

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