

[267.] Body very black, slightly downy, minutely punctured. Apex of the nose white, whiteness lobed; inner orbit of the eyes below the antennae white; vertex channelled below the eyelets; antennae scarcely longer than the head; the projecting lobes of the collar terminate in a white tubercle; base-covers piceous; wings hyaline with dark nervures; metathorax longitudinally wrinkled; posterior tibiae annulated at the base with white; abdomen more glossy than the rest of the body, almost naked, and scarcely punctured; it is narrower and more elliptical than in any other known species of the genus.

[This species and another, *P. affinis* Smith, are found in Canada.]

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369. *HALICTUS RUBICUNDUS* Stephens.—Length of body 5 lines. Four specimens taken, locality not stated.

♀.—Body black, downy. Head suborbicular, down grayish; space between the eyes broad; down on the thorax thicker, ferruginous; base-covers rufo-piceous; wings subhyaline; nervures and stigma testaceous; post-costal nervure black; legs thickly set with yellow hairs which shine like gold; tarsi testaceous; abdomen elliptical, downy with decumbent hairs; margin of the segments fringed with white hairs, the two first sub-interruptedly; the ventral segments are similarly fringed, but the hairs are shorter.

370. *HALICTUS CRASSICORNIS* Kirby.—Length of body 3 lines. A single specimen taken in Lat. 54°.

[268.] ♀.—This little insect is so extremely like *Halictus lævis*, that at first I regarded it merely as a variety of that species, but upon a closer inspection they appear to me distinct. In *H. crassicornis* the antennae are proportionally more robust, but the principal difference lies in the sculpture of the thorax. In *H. lævis* that part is *visibly* punctured with scattered punctures, but in the insect I am describing, under a common lens, the punctures are scarcely discernible, but under a higher power, besides a slight channel drawn longitudinally, innumerable very minute punctures appear. In the former also the stigma of the upper wings is piceous, while in the latter it is testaceous. In other respects they are perfectly similar.

371. *ANDRENA IMPUNCTA* Kirby.—Length of body 5½ lines. A