

first place the extreme abundance of Diurnal Lepidoptera must attract attention. Nearly 40 species may be marked *abundant*. A patch of blossom in May, covered with *Blues* and *Fritillaries*, with an occasional *Colias* and two or three magnificent species of *Papilio*, is a sight such as an English entomologist, at least, never sees at home, and later in the year the hundreds of *Vanessa*, *Chrysophanus*, *Pamphila* and *Limenitis* make a very different but not less beautiful picture.

The Orthoptera, too, intrude themselves upon our notice. Grasshoppers in thousands exist in some localities, and do considerable mischief, and large and gorgeous species, with red or yellow under wings, astonish the uninitiated by their sudden appearance or equally sudden vanishing. Two kinds of Cricket fill the air with music in early summer, and a couple of species of *Cicada* lend them most efficient aid. Of Hemiptera, Neuroptera and Diptera I have not collected many, perhaps only 200 species in all, but they include some remarkably fine kinds. Among the Coleoptera I am struck with the abundance of *Adephaga*, many of them, too, being of large size. The genera *Calosoma* (e. g. *tepidum* Lec.), *Cychrus* (*marginatus* Dej. and *angusticollis* Fischer), *Carabus* (*tadatus* Fabr.), *Omus* (*Dejeani* Reiche and *Audouini* Reiche), *Holciophorus*, *Promecognathus*, &c., being represented by very fine species. The Longicornes, too, are abundant, and most of them are absent from Brodie & White's list. The Elateridæ and Buprestidæ are also numerous; in fact all wood-feeding insects seem to abound, as do carrion feeders, while on the other hand, Lamellicornes are very scarce.

Our Hymenoptera are fine and interesting; the *Vespas* are in fact decidedly *too* fine. *V. maculata* Fab., *V. media* Oliv., and a supposed new species, being remarkably plentiful and pugnacious. Less plentiful, but no less conspicuous and interesting, are the Uroceridæ, my first five specimens proving to belong to as many different species.

Nearly one hundred species of Hymenoptera (about half my collection) have been identified for me through Mr. Brodie, of Toronto, and they are consequently most of them included in his check list. These shall form the subject of my next communication, and in concluding for the present, I may mention that my duplicates and the loan of my type specimens in any particular family or order will be accorded with very great pleasure to any specialist who will favor me with a request for the same.