

some handbook might be drawn up for the assistance of teachers in rural schools. The volume before us is the very book that is needed, if only it dealt with Canadian instead of British insects. In England "Object Lessons" are a compulsory part of the curriculum in elementary schools, and the teachers are required to give their pupils a series of simple lessons "adapted to cultivate habits of exact observation, statement, and reasoning." These lessons are to be "on objects and on the phenomena of nature and of common life," and a wide discretion is thus left in the hands of the teacher. In the country schools of Ontario no subject could be more useful than the study in this way of the commonest species of injurious and beneficial insects, and no subject is likely to compare with it in interesting the pupils. A further advantage is the ease with which specimens can be obtained and their life histories traced. Mr. Tutt's volume is admirably adapted for the use of teachers in providing lessons of this kind. After giving a general account of the external structure of insects, their internal organs and metamorphoses, he devotes the "Lessons" to typical common species of each order, giving similar particulars regarding the individuals and any general facts of interest that bear upon them. Each insect treated of is also illustrated with plates and wood-cuts. It is not, however, a text-book for pupils, but is meant for the instruction and equipment of the teachers, affording them an excellent foundation upon which to frame the instructions they are to give to those committed to their charge.

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In "The Butterflies of the Eastern Provinces of Canada," by Rev. C. J. S. Bethune (Ent. Soc. of Ont. Report, 1894), it is stated that individuals of this butterfly were seen as late as the 18th Oct. I saw two specimens on the 25th Oct., flying actively across a street near the Hotel Dieu, Montreal. This usually common butterfly is scarce within the range of my entomological field work, which is principally confined to the north-east slope of Mount Royal, and the streets of Montreal around that neighbourhood. Only one other specimen was seen by me this season, and that was also at a late date, the 19th Oct. My collection specimen was caught in 1894, and since then, I have not seen another in the same district until the above appeared.

This butterfly was common around St. Andrews East, Que., from the 1st to the 4th Aug., 1896.

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[A specimen was seen on the wing at Port Hope on the 5th of November last.—ED. C. E.]