

third segments have many light brown hairs intermixed; the bunches below lateral fold are light brown, thus giving the larva the appearance of being fringed; body beneath and abdominal legs light purplish brown. Length, two inches. Pupa black, covered with white powdery bloom. The eggs were very numerous and small and light yellow in colour. The hairs of the larva possess stinging properties, and are very irritating to the bare arms and face, as I experienced to my great annoyance on several occasions.

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#### PLATYNUS NEW TO CANADA.

Among the commoner beetles at Sydney, Cape Breton, if not indeed the most abundant, is a species which has, I think, not been recorded in Canadian lists. I refer to *Platynus hardyi* which was described by Leconte (Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc. Vol. II., p. 53) from Newfoundland specimens received by him from Baron de Chaudoir. I cannot find any record of it from other localities. The specimens which I collected in 1884 were not carefully examined and were placed with *P. cupripennis*, of which a few examples were collected at the same time. On looking over the lot last winter I found that they were undoubtedly *P. hardyi*, and last September I captured a nice series. The species is eminently gregarious, and when a good locality is found they may be seen in numbers under boards or loose stones, but the colonies scatter so rapidly that the majority escape. Whether this beetle is distributed through, and indigenous to the island, or has been brought over from Newfoundland in one of the numerous steamers that carry coal from Sydney and return in ballast, I cannot say.

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#### BOOK NOTICE.

MANUAL OF ANIMALS INJURIOUS AND BENEFICIAL TO AGRICULTURE.

Dr. J. Ritzema Bos, lecturer at the Agricultural College of Wageningen, Holland, has just published a magnificent volume in German which makes one wish English-speaking farmers and gardeners, as well as entomologists, possessed in their own language, and for their respective countries, a similar compendium of knowledge on the "Animals injurious and beneficial to agriculture, cattle breeding, forestry and horticulture." (*Tierische Schädlinge und Nützlinge*, Berlin, 1891.)