

capsules filled with smooth shining amber seeds. Lying deep in the cool sphagnum we discovered the pale yellow flowers of the little Coral-root, *Corallorrhiza trifida* Chatelain and the nodding rose-coloured blossoms of *Vaccinium Oxycoccus* L., with its delicate foliage wandering about everywhere between the pitcher-plants, most capriciously and fancifully. The silky tassels of the Cotton Grass, *Eriophorum viridi-carinatum* (Engelm.) Fernald., waved above the blue flags and tall spikes of the green orchid, *Habenaria hyperborea* (L.) R. Br. and stirred the lightly poised petals of the Lady's Slippers. I found five different species of these last named exquisite orchids in this one swamp: the large yellow Lady's Slipper, *C. parviflorum* Salisb. var. *pubescens* (Willd.) Knight; the smaller one, sweet scented with rich madder-brown sepals behind the yellow lip; the pink stemless, *C. acaule* Ait., looking pale in its unaccustomed damp surroundings; the Ram's Head Lady's Slipper, *C. arifolium* R. Br., and the Showy Lady's Slipper, *C. hirsutum* Mill. These last lovely orchids were growing in great quantity, even more abundantly than the pitcher plants, but we were too early for them, there were not more than half-a-dozen in bloom. The 22nd of June, or a little later, is the best time to see them.

At the side of the path leading into one of the most enticing of these open spaces, there is a stump of a tree, covered with charming mosses and lichens, which our guide proudly designated as the "Lady Grey Stump." Lady Grey paid a visit to the swamp when the Showy Lady's Slippers were in full bloom, and she sat here to rest in the midst of thousands of these beautiful pink and white orchids.

BOOK NOTICE.

WATER-POWERS OF CANADA.—The first inventory ever taken of the water-powers of Canada has been completed by the Commission of Conservation and the results embodied in a large and profusely illustrated report just issued. The investigation made by the Commission, which has extended over a period of two years, shows that there are 1,016,521 horse-power developed from water-power in Canada. Every phase of the subject from the laws governing the disposition of water-powers in the various provinces, to the actual physical data regarding each individual water-power concerning which information was obtainable, is treated in the report. In addition, there is a very full bibliography of 30 pages, and appendices giving, among other things, the text of the laws concerning the export of power and also of the treaty recently concluded with the