

ORNITHOLOGY.

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Five specimens of *Uria lomvia*, Brünnick's Murre, were shot near Ottawa on 20th November last. Four of these were shot on the Ottawa river near Templeton, and the other at the St. Louis Dam. There were about twenty birds in this flock. I learn from Dr. Brodie that several were seen in Toronto Bay.

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Mr. Wintle, of Montreal, also writes us that "large numbers of Brünnick's Murre have visited this neighborhood this fall, and as far up the Ottawa River as St. Andrews." He also says that a correspondent in Toronto speaks of having examined thirty specimens taken there. They have also been reported by Mr. MacIlraith as occurring in some number at Hamilton.

The family of the Murres and Auks are essentially birds of the sea-coast, the above and several kindred species breeding commonly on the rocky shores and islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The sole previous record of any member of the family at Ottawa is that of a Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) in 1881, and even on the Great Lakes they are only known as rare and straggling visitors. Their invasion of our inland waters in such force as the above reports show is a matter well worthy of note.

BOOK NOTICE.

Monograph of the North American Proctotrypidæ; by William H. Ashmead.
Bulletin of the U. S. National Museum, No. 45.

This volume of nearly 500 pages will rank with the most important that deal with the American Hymenoptera, and is an exhaustive and able monograph of a family previously but meagrely investigated on this continent. The systematic position of the family and its subdivisions have been carefully considered and the arrangement is very skillfully carried out, by means of excellent synoptic tables. To Ottawa Naturalists the work has a special interest as it records about seventy