

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Eskimo fishing dams 1,000 years old are reported at Diggs Island.

The membership of the Entomological Society of Ontario numbers over five hundred.

The alligator has fifty two vertebrae, 9 cervical, 11 dorsal, 4 lumbar, 2 sacral, and 26 caudal.

172,863 tons of coal were exported to the United States in 1883 from the Cretaceous Coal fields of British Columbia.

According to Dr. Bell's observation, the Polar Bear feeds on grass whenever he can find sufficient pasturing ground.

Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus Baltimore*, is found at York Factory. And our fair Yellow Warbler, *Dendraeca aestiva*, gets there too.

Rev. T. W. Fyles, Quebec divides Butterflies, according to their flight, into those which are Kite-like, as *Papilio*. Bat-like, as *Attacus*, Bird-like as *Sphinxes*.

\$40,000,000 worth of gold was exported from British Columbia in the fifteen years previous to 1884. Nearly every stream in that rare country rolls over sands of gold.

Raised beaches are everywhere seen around the sterile shores of Hudson Bay and Straits to a height of 300 or 400 feet, and the sea is said to be subsiding at the rate of seven feet in a century.

The caterpillar of *Sphinx quadricornis* feeds upon the elm. It is the exact color of the shaded ribbed leaves of that tree. As the season advances the leaves sere, and *S. quadricornis* assumes a rusty brown hue also.

A new kind of fish says the Macon (Ga.) *Telegraph*, has been found in the waters of the Suwanee River, a few miles from Lawrenceville. They seem to be a cross between the salmon and shad, and are said to be very fine in flavor.

Some of the finest deposits of ore for making Bessemer steel in the world are in Hastings County, Ontario, but the extensive manufacturers of the United States are forced to import their ores for this purpose from Spain; owing to the influence of conflicting tariffs.