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NOTES ON THE LOCUST INVASION OF 1874 IN
MANITOBA AND THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

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The ravages of the western locust, or devastating grasshopper, have of late years been very great, over all the eastern fertile region of the plains, and the insect has forced itself on the attention not only of the farmer, who directly bears the loss, but also on that of all interested in the western spread of settlement and civilization: liability to its inroads constitutes in fact, at the present time, the greatest difficulty in the way of the rapid occupation of a vast tract of otherwise desirable country.

While a member of the British North American Boundary Commission, I had the opportunity of passing over a great part of the region subject to the ravages of the locust; and it was intended to include in my first report as complete an account of the locust raid of 1874 as I could compile. For several reasons, however, this proved impracticable. Though by circulars, with a list of specific questions, issued for the purpose, much information was obtained from various parts of British North America, and the Western States, much of it was of a somewhat indefinite character. Mr. C. V. Riley, Entomologist to the State of Missouri, has also since published a pretty full account of the invasion in so far as the Western States of the