

to breed. Mr. Reeks mentions it as common, and non-migratory in Newfoundland and Audubon, I believe, was the first lucky man who found the nest of this species. A youth residing at Godbout discovered the second, last year. Who will find the next? Now, that Newfoundland, is to be traversed by the iron horse, many facilities will be offered to reach the *habitat* of *this* and many other rare northern species. We are anxious to hear more of this Titmouse and its nest, which is so elaborately described by Audubon.

The Pine Grosbeak, *Pinicola Canadensis*, Briss. Mr. Reeks tells us that this Grosbeak, is common in Newfoundland throughout the year. It must, therefore, bring forth its young there. It ranges south to latitudes 43° or, probably, further in severe winters. Has the nest been discovered in Canada, or did anyone notice the bird in our forests during summer?

The Semipalmated or Ring Plover, *Aegialitis semipalmatus*, Bonaparte. This beach bird breeds on Newfoundland. Did any Oölogist find its nest of late in Canada? They bred during Audubon's time, on the north coast of the Lower St. Lawrence.—C.

#### MONTREAL BRANCH, ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The eighty-seventh meeting of this Society was held at the residence of the President, H. H. Lyman, Esq., on the 7th January last.

Mr. G. J. Bowles, read a paper, entitled "The Pickled Fruit Fly," *Drosophila ampelophila*, Leow, giving a description of this curious insect, illustrated by drawings under the microscope of the larva and pupa, and specimens of the fly. It is of the same genus as the well-known "Wine Fly," and has somewhat similar habits.

A letter from W. H. Edwards, of Coalburgh, Virginia, was read, enquiring about the forms of *Lycæna lucia* found at Montreal. Many specimens of the butterfly were examined, and the conclusion arrived at that the commonest form at Montreal, was not the type, but a variety, intermediate between the type and *violacea*.

A large collection of rare and beautiful SpHINGIDÆ and other Lepidoptera were exhibited by the President.

The eighty-eighth meeting was held on 14th February, at the residence of the Secretary.

Mr. G. J. Bowles, read a paper on the "Genera *Hepialus* and *Sthenopsis*," noting the capture here last summer of a very rare moth, *H. thule*, Streeker, only one other specimen of which is known to be in collections.

Mr. J. G. Jack, exhibited some large larvae, supposed to be *Hepialide*, still alive in their tunnels, bored in the roots of swamp-maple.

The President communicated some interesting particulars regarding *Callimorpha* and other Bombycids, which he had gathered during a recent visit to the museums in Boston.

Several boxes of Lepidoptera were exhibited, and some species new to this locality noted.

Thomas Craig, Esq., and W. W. Dunlop, Esq., were added to the roll of the Society at this meeting.

#### ORNITHOLOGY OF THE ISLAND OF MONTREAL.

By ERNEST D. WINTLE.

(Continued.)

97. *Bubo Virginianus*, Great-Horned Owl. Autumn and winter visitant.

98. *Scops asio*, Mottled Owl. Autumn, and winter visitant.

99. *Otus vulgaris*, Long-eared Owl. Summer and winter resident; breeds here occasionally.

100. *Brachyotus palustris*, Short-eared Owl. Casual visitant.

101. *Syrnium cinereum*, Great gray Owl. A beautiful specimen was shot near the wheel-house on the 11th of February.

102. *Syrnium nebulosum*, Barred Owl. Autumn visitant.

103. *Nyctea urea*, Snow Owl. Autumn, and winter visitant. One specimen shot opposite Nun's Island on the 11th of February.

104. *Surnia Hudsonica*, Hawk Owl. Winter visitant.

105. *Nyctale Richardsonii*, Richardson's or Tengmalm's owl. Winter visitant.

106. *Nyctale Acadica*, Acadia Owl. Winter visitant.

#### FALCONIDÆ (DIURNALÆ).—BIRDS OF PREY.

107. *Circus Hudsonius*, Marsh Hawk. Immature birds common. Adults very rare.

108. *Accipiter fuscus*, Sharp-shinned Hawk. Common.

109. *Accipiter atricapillus*, Goshawk. Rare visitant.

110. *Falco communis (anatum)*, Duck Hawk. Very rare visitant.

111. *Falco sparverius*, Sparrow Hawk. Not common.

112. *Buteo borealis*, Red-tailed Buzzard. Rare, 1 specimen shot in autumn of 1881.

113. *Buteo lineatus*, Red-shouldered Buzzard. Most common Hawk. Breeds in April.

114. *Buteo Swainsoni*, Swainson's Buzzard. Rare visitant.