

CASSIDA VIRIDIS, LINNEUS.

In the October number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, I told of the appearance at Levis of a tortoise-beetle new to this Province.

A question as to the identity of this insect having been raised, I asked Professor E. A. Popenoe, of Kansas State Agricultural College (to whom I was sending specimens), for his opinion upon it. I also sent specimens to the Coleopterist of the British Museum, with a like request. Both gentlemen very kindly answered me.

Mr. Popenoe wrote: "In Redtenbacher's *Fauna Austriaca*, the only general European work on the species within my reach, there is a very good analytical table and fairly full descriptions of the species within the limits of the work, and I find your specimens to agree with his description of *Cassida equestris*, Fab., of which he places *C. viridis*, L., as a synonym. I am satisfied that your determination is correct. Redt. says the margin of the abdomen is yellow, and it is so in one of your specimens, though not distinctly so in the other."

Mr. Chas. O. Waterhouse replied: "I have carefully examined the *Cassida* you sent me, and I am sure it is our common thistle species, *Cassida viridis*, L."

I am glad to find that my reading and my early recollections of the English insect did not mislead me.

In *Illustrations of the Linnean Genera of Insects*, by W. Wood, Vol. I., there is a coloured representation of *C. viridis*, and in the Rev. J. G. Wood's *Insects at Home*, Fig. xxiii., the insect is shown in its different stages.

C. viridis, like the fly, *Pegomyia bicolor*, and the moth, *Metzneria lappella*, was probably brought out in supplies of fodder for cattle sent to this country.—THOMAS W. FYLES, Levis, P. Que.

BOOK NOTICE.

A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH LEPIDOPTERA, VOL. III.—By J. W. Tutt, F. E. S. Demy 8 vo, 558 + xii. pp. Price, £1 net. Swan, Sonnenschein & Co., Paternoster Square, London, E. C.

The third volume of Tutt's *British Lepidoptera* has appeared, and is fully up to the standard of the first two volumes. The superfamily *Lachneides* is completed, the superfamilies *Dimorphides* (*Endromides*), *Attacides* and a part of the superfamily *Sphingides* are finished.