

had, however, rewarded the entomologists, *Thecla Niphon*, freshly emerged, was seen on a pine tree, *Pieris oleracea-hiemalis* and *Lycæna Lucia* were also exhibited. Mr. Halkett described the zoological specimens collected. Chief among these was a Salamander—the Red Triton (*Spelerpes ruber*) found by Mr. Halkett himself, a very fine Green Snake (*Cyclophis vernalis*) by someone unknown and a Garter Snake *Eutenia sirtalis ordinata* by Mr. Oswald Ingall. The proposed excursions to Rockcliffe and the Beaver Meadows, May 13th and 20th, were not made, both days being wet. The first general excursion to Chelsea, May 27th, was postponed for the same reason.

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ORIOLES FEEDING ON TENT CATERPILLARS.—On the 23rd. of May whilst enjoying a walk in the Mountain Park at Montreal my attention was arrested by a Baltimore Oriole not more than a dozen paces from me and I stood admiring the brilliant colouring of his plumage for a few moments. My interest in his movements became deeper, however, when I saw him station himself beside a bunch of tent caterpillars whose webs were to be seen on the bushes and small trees in all directions. The bird made a hasty meal off the caterpillars, eating one after another until his appetite was apparently quite satisfied. The caterpillars were large, about an inch in length and nearly a dozen were destroyed in this way to form our benefactor's mid-day meal.—LAWRENCE LAMB.

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COPRINUS COMATUS.—The Shaggy Mushroom is seldom found in this vicinity in the spring, but owing to the heavy May rains it has appeared on the newly made ground on the west side of the canal, quite close to Sapper's Bridge. This is one of the best mushrooms, is easily digested and may be eaten in any quantity. J.M.