

This genus seems to differ by the middle and hind tibiæ being spinose. While *Ypsia* is so indifferently founded by Guenée that he gives no character at all except a presumed larval one, I find that *Umbrina* Grote, and *Undularis* Drury, differ by the tibiæ being unarmed. In the related genus *Matigramma* the middle tibiæ alone seem spinose, at least in my *rubrosuffusa* they are so. But this is not the *type*, which must be studied for this character. Again, I have many years ago proposed to distinguish *Zalc* by the generic character of the body tufts. Finally, the otherwise amply distinct genus *Homopyralis* has the slender tibiæ unarmed. It is evident, therefore, that good and valid characters separate the genera allied to *Homoptera*, or rather *Phocyma*, and that my *Ph. unilineata* and the rest may be arranged by the tibial armature, although superficially so much resembling *Ypsia*. Guenée takes no note of this, and seems quite at a loss in this group of the Owlet Moths. I had myself very little material in my collection of these genera, and I neglected their exact study accordingly.

It is with much pleasure that we have just learnt of the appointment of the Rev. George W. Taylor, of Victoria, Vancouver Island, B. C., as Honorary Provincial Entomologist of British Columbia. Mr. Taylor has been an active member of our Society for some years, and has done much good work, not only in Entomology, but in general Natural History, by working up the little known but exceedingly interesting fauna of Vancouver Island. He is one of the best Conchologists in the Dominion, and has the finest collection of British Columbian shells extant. His knowledge of Ornithology and Botany will materially enhance the value of his work as Provincial Entomologist, and his appointment cannot but result in great benefit to the farming community of the Province. We tender our sincere congratulations, not only to Mr. Taylor, but also to the Minister of Agriculture and the Provincial Legislature, for the wisdom that has been displayed in the choice of an incumbent for this important office. There are many "first-class pests" which require attention in our Pacific province already, and doubtless, now the Canadian Pacific Railroad is completed, many others from the east may be expected to be introduced by that means, and it is only by having the services of a trained scientific student at their disposal, to identify the marauders, and give information concerning the habits and best means of remedying their attacks, that the farmers can hope to protect themselves against the injuries yearly inflicted by insects.