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A REVIEW OF "FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADIAN BIOLOGY," 1902-1905. 39TH ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT MARINE AND FISHERIES, OTTAWA, 1907.

The publication by the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Part II. of the Journal of the Marine Biological Station of Canada, is an event of no small scientific interest, and a brief review of its contents, and of the circumstances under which the staff of the Station carry on their work, may be acceptable to our naturalists generally.

The former report from the Station was entitled "Contributions to Canadian Biology," and the present series, of thirteen papers, bears the title "Further Contributions." It is of the usual 8vo Blue Book size, of about 130 pages, and includes ten very beautiful plates, and five half-tone illustrations in the text. Professor Prince, the Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries, prefaces the report with a short note of explanation, and refers to the success of the station in enlisting the aid of voluntary workers from practically all the Canadian Universities.

"Toronto and McGill Universities have been prominently represented," Professor Prince states. "Queen's University, Kingston, has almost every season sent some representative of its academic staff, while Dalhousie (Halifax, N.S.), Mount Allison, (Sackville, N. B.), Acadia (Wolfville, N. S.) and other universities, including some United States institutions, have sent workers." The staff has been unsalaried, and only scientific workers trained and qualified to conduct original researches have been given the free use of the Station, its library, apparatus, and other advantages. By the wise generosity of the Dominion Government it has been possible to partially meet some of the expenses of the staff, but the fishery and other laborious investigations have been carried on by voluntary scientific workers, without the stimulus or reward of an adequate honorarium. No Station of the kind in the world has been operated at such slight cost to the country, and with such substantial results.

The present publication amply bears out the claim just made. It contains twice the number of papers contained in the