

hill cranes pass over the township of Escott in 1890, and recognized the birds by their cry. In the present month December 1891, I have seen two wax wings, (*Ampelis garrulus*). Space does not permit me to go further into an account of the birds, as I must mention some of the more striking plants. The rarest plant I have met with is the dwarf sumach, (*Rhus copallina*) found by me about a mile inland from the river St. Lawrence in October last in the township of Lansdowne. The bright red foliage of the plant at that time of year formed a noticeable feature. I understand it has only been found once before in Canada on an island in the St. Lawrence river near Brockville. I enclose a leaf. In the same locality I find the pitch pine, *Pinus rigida* to be a common tree growing in suitable places, i.e. rocky ground on the islands in St. Lawrence and north, on and around the Blue Mountain. The red cedar is also a common tree here, growing in this section of country invariably as far as I have observed, on and among Laurentian rocks. Time forbids me to go into any systematic mention of other plants, but I will speak of a few at haphazard, which friends at Ottawa have kindly named for me. The closed gentian, (*Gentiana Andrewsii*) is fairly common from the St. Lawrence northward in moist meadows. On the borders of creeks and near the river, the ground nut, (*Apios tuberosa*) is a common plant. Near the Blue Mountain I met last May with pretty blossoms of the fringed polygala, (*Polygala paucifolia*). On the Islands among rocks as too on the Blue Mountain. I have met with the enclosed fern, a southern variety I think, (*Asplenium ebeneum*.) The mandrake, (*Podophyllum peltatum*) is very plentiful in places on the islands, and the little plant 'Pyrola elliptica' (enclosed) grows among the rocks. The ginseng, recently so much sought after, has been frequently found in the vicinity of Charleston Lake. We have several other plants to which I might call attention as met with in this locality, but I must pass them by now, hoping on another occasion to give a more systematic list of some varieties not commonly found. I cannot but add in conclusion that some knowledge of the 'fauna' and 'flora' of the country districts of Ontario and where we happen to live, is to my mind both edifying and instructive. The field is wide and diversified here in Ontario, a comparatively short distance shows great variety of soil and natural features, to a certain extent even of climate. There are few who amid the pressure