

ORNITHOLOGY.

CAPTURE OF THE CLAY-COLORED SPARROW IN
ONTARIO.

ON May 9, 1894, while hunting in a field of small shrubs, about fifteen miles west of London, I was attracted by a "dzzz-dzzz-dz-dz" very similar to the song of the Golden-winged Warbler, yet different in tone. Expecting to find a Golden-wing at the end of the note, I could hardly believe my eyes when I came upon a small sparrow sitting on the top twig of a shrub, after the manner of the Field Sparrow, and saw him give the note whose author I was looking for. It proved to be a *Spizella pallida*, the first, I believe, in our Province, though they may yet be found inhabiting the north-western extremity, next to Manitoba. I heard a Golden-wing near the edge of the same field, but on looking him up he was a true Gold-wing, and I was unable to hear or see any more Clay-colors.

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CISTOTHORUS STELLARIS.

IN the first number of the BIOLOGICAL REVIEW I notice that Mr. Nash believes his specimen of the Short-billed Marsh Wren to be the only Ontario record. In the first edition of Mr. McIlwraith's book there are no definite records given, except of a set of eggs which I have, taken by Chas. Shuttleworth, of Toronto, in the Toronto Marsh, about the year 1883. The reference to the birds in the St. Clair marsh is not detailed, but Mr. Morden certainly took several specimens there. Nevertheless, the localities where this bird spends the summer in