

ARTICLE IV.

MAMMALS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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INTRODUCTION.

SO far as has been ascertained, there have been but two catalogues of the Mammals of this Province previously published; one of these appeared in a work by Abraham Gesner, Esq., issued in 1847, entitled "New Brunswick; with notes for Emigrants, comprehending the early History, &c.;" the other is placed among the appendices to "Field and Forest Rambles," a work on New Brunswick, by Dr. A. Leith-Adams, published in 1873. Neither of these catalogues being correct — when judged by the result of more recent investigations — a new one has been called for, and it is to meet this demand that the present paper is now published.

All of the species mentioned have been identified by the writer, excepting the few otherwise noted in the text; but in deciding upon the relative abundance he has had to depend, to a large degree, upon the opinions of others, and while the best available information has been obtained, it is very probable a difference of opinion may exist regarding the correctness of some of the determinations. A criticism of the catalogue is invited from observers throughout the Province, with a view to having whatever errors it may contain rectified in a future edition.

Want of space prevents his mentioning the names of all the gentlemen who kindly gave the writer the benefit of their observations, and to whom he desires to express his thanks; but he is under especial obligation to Mr. James Vroom, St. Stephen, and to Mr. John Stewart, Woodstock, for valuable notes.

The classification and nomenclature is that of Jordan's "Manual of the Vertebrates," excepting a slight difference in the Bats, copied from Dobson's "Catalogue of the Chiroptera."