

On Friday, the 29th, the visitors will be taken to Grimsby and given an opportunity of seeing the results of economic work in the Niagara fruit district. As the Toronto National Exhibition will be going on that week, reduced railway fares will be available from many points to that city.—C. J. S. B.

### NEW SPECIES AND NEW LIFE HISTORIES OF EPHEMERIDÆ OR MAYFLIES.

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While at the Go Home Bay Biological Station on Georgian Bay, during the summer of 1912, I made a special study of the Ephemeridæ of that district, under the direction of Dr. E. M. Walker, to whom I am much indebted for advice and kindly criticism. A full account of the investigations will appear in the report of the Marine Biological Stations of Canada, this paper being confined chiefly to new species and new additions to the life-histories of several forms.

The work was carried on from May 25 to September 10, and consisted chiefly in the collecting and rearing of nymphs or larvæ. Collections were made in as varied localities as possible, as there are nymphs for almost every condition of fresh water. The nymphs were taken to the laboratory in jars or bottles of water, where they were examined under the binocular microscope and the species separated. A number of each species were then transferred to breeding jars, which consisted of glass vessels, fitted up as nearly as possible to the conditions in which the nymphs were found, and supplied with running water. Over the jars, wire cages were placed to catch the subimagos as they emerged. As the subimagos appeared, they were transferred to other vessels, where they were kept until the final moult, which usually took place in a day or two. The imagos were killed with potassium cyanide and then preserved dry or in alcohol. The subimago exuvial and final nymph sloughs were also preserved for future reference. In this way about 180 specimens were bred out during the summer. The following is a list of the forms taken:

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