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## NOTES ON THE FLORA OF ONTARIO.

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#### NOTES ON THE SPECIES OF RANUNCULACEÆ OCCURRING IN ONTARIO OR WESTERN QUEBEC.

Within the above limits we have fifteen genera and forty-four species. Many of these occur under diverse conditions and in peculiar habitats and are seldom observed except by botanical collectors. It is the purpose of these notes to enumerate them all and in this way enable members of the Club and others to look out for them when opportunity serves.

The genus *Clematis* has with us two representatives which are very unlike in appearance and habit. The more common species is *C. Virginiana* which grows along all our rivers and brooks and climbs over alders and other bushes where its fruits of long-tailed achenes make it a prominent object in the autumn. In July and August its greenish white flowers are quite attractive and when carefully examined it will be found that the staminate one is the more beautiful as the filaments of the numerous stamens really make up the flowers.

The *Atragene*, (*C. verticillaris*) is rather rare in the settled parts of the province but on the rocky slopes of the Laurentide hills it is not uncommon and when seen is not easily forgotten. its violet sepals, from one to two inches long, being seen early in the season when flowers are more attractive than they are later. Kingsmere mountain is the nearest station to Ottawa.

The genus *Anemone* is represented by six species though two of them do not occur in the settled parts of the area under consideration but have their homes along Lake Superior and northward.