

ENTOMOLOGICAL BOOKS.

The following is a copy of the circular recently issued by the Customs Department in order to clear up some uncertainty regarding the interpretation of the circular issued in July of last year. It is now made clear that all books on entomology may be imported free of duty :

Customs Department, Canada.

Ottawa, 13th February, 1899.

To Collector of Customs :

The following memorandum was issued on the 28th July, 1898, to customs ports concerned in the importation of entomological books, viz..

"I beg to advise you that the Minister of Customs has determined that books on entomology, such, for example, as 'Insects Injurious to Vegetation,' by Dr. T. W. Harris ; 'Guide to the Study of Insects,' by Dr. A. S. Packard ; 'Insects Injurious to Fruits,' by Dr. Wm. Saunders ; 'Manual for the Study of Insects,' by Prof. J. H. Comstock ; 'Economic Entomology,' by Prof. J. B. Smith ; and 'Entomology for Beginners,' by Dr. A. S. Packard, are entitled to free admission under the provisions of item 464 of the Tariff Act."

You are instructed that free importation of books of the above class is not confined to the special works herein described by name, but that entomological works may be classed as industrial books entitled to free entry under tariff item No. 464.

(Signed) JOHN McDOUGALD,

Commissioner of Customs.

THE ODOUR OF COCCIDÆ.

Apropos of Professor Webster's note, on page 4 of the current volume of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, concerning the odour of *Aspidiotus perniciosus*, and Mr. Cockerell's note on page 36 on the odour of *Toumeyella*, please allow me to remind these gentlemen and your other readers that I recorded a similar instance in the case of *Gossyparia ulmi* in *Insect Life*, Volume II., page 39 (August, 1889), on the authority of Mr. J. G. Jack. The wording is as follows: "At this time they secrete a great deal of honey-dew which attracts ants and other insects, and gives off, curiously enough, a pungent odour, which Mr. Jack states is noticeable where large numbers of the coccids are at work, but which we have not noticed at Washington, probably on account of the comparative scarcity of the lice."

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