

PREFACE.

In the preparation of this as well as the Label List, the compilers have been actuated by two motives, the registering of the Entomological Status of Canada to this date, and the furnishing of a reliable Exchange List for the convenience of students and collectors.

The great difficulties experienced by Entomologists in not being able to provide themselves with a compact Check List of the several Orders, containing the species recognized in Canada, have materially impeded the progress and pleasure of Entomological research, as well as proved a serious and sometimes effectual impediment to the earlier efforts of students in our Schools and Colleges. Notwithstanding this, it must be a subject of congratulation to natural history scientists to know that such evident progress, as this List shows, has been made since any former publication of this kind here. The usual sequence of the Orders, through an oversight in printing, has not been followed.

In the Coleoptera, Crotch's list, revised by Austin, has been followed, though we have in this, many species not found in it.

In the Hymenoptera, a new departure in the Label List published in connection with this, is the introduction of the "Gender Signs," which students of this Order will appreciate.

In the Lepidoptera, W. H. Edwards in the Diurnes, and Grote in the Nocturnes, have been followed; so little has been done in Canada in the Tineidæ, that they have been omitted. This family, with the Orders Hemiptera and Diptera, are much neglected, and it is to be hoped some specialists will take them up and greatly