

Prof. Macoun has been fortunate in having the assistance of Mr. J. M. Macoun in these labors, which have produced a volume of 761 pages, exceeding its predecessor by 28 pages, and appearing in one volume instead of three parts as before.

Five additional species appear in the list, four of them by the taking of specimens, namely:—

The Fulvous Tree Duck, an old record of which has been turned up, and in addition, a specimen taken from a flock of eleven of the same species near New Alberni, Vancouver Island, September, 1905.

The Dotterel, taken at King Island, Alaska, July 23, 1897.

The Chuck-Will's-Widow, taken at Point Pelee, May 19, 1906, and one near Picton, N.S., date not given.

The European Linnet, taken at Toronto, January, 1890, by Mr. Wm. Loan.

In addition to these, the Green Crested Flycatcher has been added to the list on a surmise by Mr. J. H. Fleming that a specimen which he took years ago at Toronto was of this species; while the surmise is probably correct, the specimen was never preserved. Since the list was in type, however, there have been two satisfactory records of the occurrence of this species in Ontario.

The activities of the closet naturalist are well illustrated by the addition of twenty, and the elimination of five varieties, which make a net addition of twenty titles to the present edition, the contents of the book being enlarged at the same time from 738 to 761 pages. The elimination of the lists of specimens in the Government Museum also left space for the inclusion of much new matter. The arrangement of the matter and the type used, and the proof-reading, are eminently satisfactory, so also is the index. In these respects there was no fault to find with the previous editions, but other publications have sometimes been sadly lacking in this regard. The index is so printed that one's eye passes very rapidly over the titles until the item desired is reached.

In the reception and arrangement of such a vast amount of material as is here published, it is inevitable that errors should creep in; but the authors have characteristically preferred to err on the side of generosity, rather than to exclude entries which may probably be incorrect. There are, however, items to which perhaps exception may reasonably be taken, and which it would appear, ought to be noticed in greater detail, as for instance the Yellow-green Vireo, which is reported as taken at Godbout in May, 1883. This species is of only casual occurrence in North America and the validity of this record when published