

NOTES, REVIEWS AND COMMENTS.

BOTANICAL NOTES.

Sisymbrium Alliaria.—Among some plants sent by Miss Alice Bowen from the vicinity of the Comin Swamp, Quebec, was a specimen of this European weed. Some years ago a large patch of this plant was observed in the grounds of the Hon. G. W. Allan, at Moss Park, Toronto. It is not a very valuable acquisition to our Flora. The white flowers are small, and the whole plant has a rather disagreeable alliaceous odour, from which it takes its English name, Garlic White Cress.

Cypripedium aristinum.—A splendid clump of this rare Lady's slipper has been presented to the Botanic Garden of the Central Experimental Farm by Mr. R. J. Drummond, of Perth. This beautiful little Orchid is very rare. It has been found in this vicinity in Dow's Swamp, at Alymer and at Buckingham.

Arethusa bulbosa.—A few specimens of this lovely Orchid were found in full flower in the Mer Bleue by Mr. W. T. Macoun on May the 28th. This is rather earlier than usual for the flowers to be found.

Listera australis.—The bed of this rare but not very showy Orchid was visited on the above named date, and about a dozen specimens were observed in full flower. This locality is the only one so far discovered for *L. australis* in Canada. There is no doubt it is a very rare plant but it is probable that, on account of its dull purplish brown colour, it has been overlooked by collectors.

Habenaria fimbriata, the Large Fringed Orchis.—From time to time specimens of a Fringed Orchis are sent in for confirmation named as above, but in almost all instances the specimens prove to be *H. psycodes*. If full data are kept there is no difficulty in distinguishing between these two species. *H. fimbriata* is not only a larger and handsomer plant in all its