

The following are species of more than usual interest which have been found at Ottawa, and are among those which have not yet been recorded from the district:—

*Desmopachria convexa*, Aube. *Bidessus lacustris*. Say, *Coelambus turbidus* Lec., *Deronectes depressus* Fab., *Hydroporus pulcher*. Lec., *H. solitarius*, Sharp, *Ilybius pleuriticus*, Lec., *Agabus semipunctatus*, Vichy, *A. reticulatus*, Vichy, *Rhantus sinuatus*, Lec., *Hydaticus stagnalis*. Fab., *H. piceus*. Lec., *Dytiscus hybridus*, Aube, *D. marginalis*. Linn., and *Acilius semisulcatus*. Aube

The publication of a complete list of the Ottawa Dytiscidæ, is most desirable, as that published in Transactions No. V, page 73, is obsolete and several of the determinations were erroneous.

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#### SUB-EXCURSIONS.

Saturday, June 9th.—Seven naturalists took their way to Billings' Bridge on Saturday afternoon. The party being small, they did not separate into different groups, as is customary on these "excursions."

The tempting shade of a beautiful "glen" seemed more inviting than a prolonged walk in the burning sun, to our usual haunt, "Rideau Park." So after a short consultation, we entered "Fairy Realm," and saw the wood-anemone, in all its grace and beauty, dotting the bank, side by side with the lovely fleabane. Nature is always charming with her variety, and contrast of colors.

In some places the ground was carpeted with mockseed, (*Menispermum Canadense*). It was too early in the season to get the flowers of this pretty vine, although the bud was now forming. It had coiled itself around every unsightly object, such as, old roots, dead branches, etc., "and wreathed them with verdure, no longer their own." After climbing up a rocky way which must have been a foaming torrent, the night before, we found ourselves, a group in the centre of a magnificent picture