

BOTANY.

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PELLÆA DENSA, *Hooker*.—In looking over some ferns and plants collected by me on the Guelph Dolomites of Durham, County Grey, Ontario, in 1883, I chanced to observe a fern which had not hitherto been noticed by me with care and which turns out to be interesting. Having taken it to Prof. Macoun for identification, he immediately recognised the same to be a specimen of *Pellaea densa*, Hook.

This note is intended merely to place on record the discovery of this little "cliff-brake" in the Province of Ontario. I found it at Durham near the saw-mill dam on the Little Saugeen River, in September, 1883, growing in the crevices and nooks of the Guelph dolomites there exposed.

The following notes on the geographical distribution of this plant may be found in Macoun's "Catalogue of Canadian Plants," Part V.

Acrogens, p. 261. "A rock species, confined so far as known to the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia, where it is rare. Found by Prof. Allen on Mount Albert, Shickshock Mountains, Gaspé, Que., in 1881, growing exposed to the sun on the steep walls of ravines, at 2000 to 3000 feet elevation. (*Eaton*.) Abundant on cliffs along the Fraser River above Yale and within the Cascade Mountains; notably at Chinaman's Bluff, on rocks, Sicamous, Shuswap Lake; and summit of Mount Finlayson, Vancouver Island, B.C. (*Macoun*.) Mount Finlayson, Vancouver Island, B.C. (*Anderson*.)"

From the above it can be readily seen that so far as known *Pellaea densa* has been found in Gaspé, Quebec and in British Columbia, two extreme points of the Dominion of Canada, and therefore it seemed an interesting fact to record this species from an intermediate station in Ontario. The habitat in Ontario is similar to that in other places.

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