

and specimens of various species in the collection which await determination.

A specimen of a muskrat (*Fiber zibethicus*) from the Rideau River, near St. Patrick's Bridge; and a specimen of an otter (*Lutra canadensis*) from Smoky Falls, some 9 miles from Sturgeon Falls, Ont., have been acquired by the Fisheries Museum. The former is of a cinnamon colour, the hairs being edged with white, and approaches an albino in its contour; whilst the latter manifests the opposite of this—a case of melanism, the specimen being almost jet black, and this is most striking when it is put beside a mounted otter of the usual brown colour.

A leopard frog (*Rana virescens*) was found jumping about near the Rifle Range, on the outskirts of the city, on the 27th January, 1906, during the unusually mild weather. It was handed alive into the museum of the Fisheries and is now preserved in formalin.

An article entitled; "The Eggs of the Scarlet Water-mite (*Hydrachna sulcata*)" by Prof. Prince, was published in the August issue of the OTTAWA NATURALIST, and since then Mr. O'Dell has been making some remarkable discoveries in regard to the metamorphosis which this mite, or perhaps an allied form, undergoes in the course of its life history, and he hopes shortly to publish what he has discovered.

Another thing of interest was the finding recently of the remarkable eggs of the fresh-water ling (*Lota maculosa*), an account of which will appear in the forthcoming number of THE NATURALIST.

An official list, prepared by Mr. Halkett, representative of such fishes of the Dominion as are preserved in formalin, as well as a list of specimens of other aquatic vertebrates, and of aquatic invertebrates, in the collection of the Fisheries Museum, forming Appendix XIV of the Fisheries Report, is now in the hands of the King's Printer, and will shortly be issued.

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