

significant, faculties such as I have attempted, however feebly, to describe!

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Peterboro', C. W.,

26th July, 1862.

NOTE.—The insect referred to by our correspondent was probably one of the fossorial wasps or Sand-wasps, some species of which have precisely the habit described. Their object is to provide food for their young; their eggs being deposited with the spiders or caterpillars which they bury, and the larvæ subsisting on the provision thus made for them. Were the specimen sent to us, no doubt the species might be determined. Eds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Occurrence of the Blue Grosbeak (Guiraca caerulea, Swainson) at Mille Vaches, Lower St. Lawrence.

Canadian Ornithologists will be gratified to learn that the beautiful Blue Grosbeak is now for the first time added to the list of birds visiting Canada:—On the 7th of May both sexes of the species were noticed by Mr. Peverley, sen., of Mille Vaches; they were accompanied on the same tree by the little Indigo bird. Mr. Peverley is continually residing in the vicinity of the primitive forests, where he has good opportunities of observing our feathery visitors, and the unusual occurrence of a bird having such brilliant blue colour at once attracted his attention; he therefore lost no time in securing the male which is stuffed and in his possession. The *habitat* of the Blue Grosbeak is the “more Southern States from the Atlantic to Pacific, south to Mexico.” Judging from the season, together with the fact of the female having been noticed, there is good evidence that they intended to build in this country.

Occurrence of the Stone Chat (Saxicola œnanthe, Bechst.) at Beauport, near Quebec.

A single specimen of this pretty bird was procured and stuffed by me; it is now in the Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. It also forms an addition to Canadian Ornithology.