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## EXTRA LIMITAL INSECTS FOUND AT OTTAWA.

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The tracing out of the geographical distribution of plants and animals is one of the most important and, at the same time, one of the most fascinating studies of a naturalist. In the investigation of the complex problems which are therein encountered, a society such as the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club may render very valuable assistance, by the publication of accurate floral and faunal lists, and of exact records of the occurrence and life histories of the various species studied by its members. The commonplace Ottawa citizen, especially if he be a property holder, observes with pride and pleasure the steady expansion of the city, and the corresponding increase of its population. The Ottawa naturalist, on the contrary, notes with deep regret his former haunts invaded and laid waste, and monotonous blocks of buildings rapidly covering the ground where so recently the forest flourished. The so-called march of improvement unfortunately means to him the disappearance of his happy hunting grounds; the cutting down of woodland monarchs, the draining of lush swamps and the production of barren uniformity where erstwhile plentiful diversity obtained.

The evolution of our country from a forest region to an agricultural and commercial district, not only in the immediate neighbourhood but over the areas spreading oceanward in every direction, produces important and easily recognized alterations in our flora and fauna.

As the untutored savage vanishes before the civilization for which he is not prepared, so many of our native animals and

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