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QUERIES.

Is the American Woodcock (*Philohela minor*) found in the Province of Manitoba? We are told that it does not occur there. It is not mentioned by Prof. Macoun, but it is given by Mr. Brodie in his list published in No. 4, Vol. III. of this magazine.

Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus Philadelphicus*) is said to nest on islands in inland lakes. Have any of our Canadian Oologists found it so situated this year? Its eggs were *desiderata* in the Smithsonian Institute collection a few years ago.

CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGY.

In this issue, we publish a second review of M. Dionne's late French work on the Birds of Canada. It is unpleasant for us to be compelled to decry the attempts so far made by ambitious writers to produce histories or descriptions of the *avi-fauna* of this Canada of ours, but something must be done to stop the carelessness which is so conspicuous in much of Canadian ornithology. Mr. Chamberlain is correct in saying that "it is time we speak plainly about such things, if our students are to take the standing they should. American ornithologists also say that Canadian writers, as a rule, seem to know nothing about their birds, and write the most puerile trash." There is considerable truth in this statement, and to stop it some one must speak out plainly. We have had several ornithological communications from parties resident in three of the Provinces of the Dominion, but it is impossible for us to vouch for the accuracy of all the matter sent to us for publication—the writers are alone responsible for their statements—but when a wrong is detected we generally form it right. Our object since the

first issue of the magazine, was, and is to make it original regarding Canadian Natural History, to constitute it an authority for future reference, therefore we trust that our correspondents will continue to keep the serial up as a truthful record which it was our purpose it should be.—C.

CANADIAN HYMENOPTERA.

COMPILED BY THE EDITOR.

In vol. I. p. 19 of this magazine, I published a portion of the HYMENOPTERA found on the Island of Montreal. The following is a list of the APIDÆ occurring in Canada up to March, 1879.

- CALLIOPSIS flavipes, *Smith.*
- NOMADA bisignata, *Say.*
- " armata, *Neh.*
- PHILEREMUS Americanus, *Cresson.*
- STELIS? nitida, "
- CÆLIOXYX 8-dentata, *Say.*
- OSMIA fœceta, *Cresson.*
- " atriventris, "
- " albiventris, "
- " Hudsonica, "
- " cognata, "
- " proxima, "
- " vicina, "
- " simillima, *Smith.*
- ALCIDAMEA producta, *Cresson.*
- MONTMERIA borealis, "
- MELICHALE melanophœa, *Smith.*
- " frigida, "
- " laticornis, *Say.*
- " pugnata, "
- " bucephala, *Smith.*
- " mendica, *Cresson.*
- " relativa, "
- " centuncularis, *Linn.*
- " brevis, *Say.*
- MELISSODES desponsa, *Smith.*
- " aurigena, *Cresson.*
- " dentiventris, *Smith.*
- " bomboides, *Kirby.*
- " abrupta, *Say.*
- APATHUS laboriosus, *Fabr.*
- " Ashtoni, *Cresson.*
- " citrinus, *Smith.*