

very plentiful near his ranch at Big Point on the south-west shore of Lake Manitoba, it being no uncommon thing to flush six or more from around any little damp spot in the woods.

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THE FLOWERING-RUSH. In reference to a very interesting communication by the late Dr. James Fletcher in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST for July (p. 80), I am glad to report that the Flowering-rush, *Butomus umbellatus*, grows in this locality also. It was seen in July, 1906, on the inlet from the Canal near the end of Bank Street, opposite the residence of Mgr. Sbarretti. I supposed it was merely an escape from cultivation, probably from the Experimental Farm, and did not report it. This year the number of plants had increased and were spread over a larger area.

E. H. BLACKADER, Ottawa.

A WOODPECKER AT A SHOW. During the progress of the Annual Provincial Exhibition at Victoria, B.C., in the last week in September, a Woodpecker, of the Flicker variety, took up his abode in the main exhibition building. Here he made himself fully at home, quite fearless apparently of the multitude of visitors who were continually passing through the building, flying from point to point with the utmost unconcern and in spite of the printed warnings, and without the fear of the watchful attendants, he distributed his favours most impartially by helping himself to the choicest apples, pecking holes in all and sundry, within a few feet of the hundreds who witnessed his depredations.

The propensity of this bird to forsake his natural food and take to fruit during the autumn in the Province of British Columbia is well known, but this is the first instance within my knowledge when he went so far as to visit a show to satisfy his appetite.

J. R. ANDERSON, Victoria, B.C.

THE EARLY WAKE-ROBIN. In the spring of 1907, a box of the Mayflower, *Epigaea repens* was sent here from Massey, Algoma, containing a few other plants one of which was a Trillium with root which was planted. On the 15th of March, 1908, it came into bloom with the earliest crocuses in the garden, and proved to be the Early Wake-robin, *Trillium nivale*, Riddell, the first record of its being found in Canada.

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