

FAUNA OTTAWAENSIS.

HYMENOPTERA PHYTOPHAGA.

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The subjoined list, of that important section of the Hymenoptera which is most injurious to plant life, is offered as a contribution to the knowledge of our local Fauna. The list was prepared last winter and the numbers given for each species are those of the insects then in my collection, irrespective of such specimens as may have been given away or exchanged. These numbers are an indication of the relative abundance of the species and of the sex or sexes represented. The captures of the season just closed have not been arranged, but it is improbable that any additions have been made to the species previously captured. When they have been carefully examined, any items of interest regarding them will be recorded. The dates quoted for each species are the earliest and latest shown on the labels attached to individuals of that species. All the specimens are not, however, dated, and so no dates can be given for several of the species. All the species have been collected since the organization of the OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB, in the city or adjacent country, and several of the rarer species have been contributed by Mr. Fletcher and Prof. Guignard. Several of the species collected seemed apparently new to science and have been described by Provancher (*Faune Entomologique du Canada*, Vol. ii, Additions) or by the author (*Canadian Entomologist* Vols. xvi, xxv) and are those in the list of which types are indicated as in the collection.

SUBSECTION PHYLLOPHAGA.

This division contains the species feeding upon the foliage of various plants, and consists of the family Tenthredinidæ, of which the adult insects are popularly, and appropriately known as Sawflies. The female has the ovipositor modified to form a more or less acutely toothed saw, with which a slit can be made in a leaf or twig for the reception of the egg. Some species have the saw feebly developed and make but a slight incision, or even (as the Gooseberry Sawfly) merely attach the egg