

the author of many valuable and entertaining works upon the history of pioneer life and the wild plants of Canada. This collection comprises about thirty species collected during the past summer near Lakefield, on the islands of Stony Lake, and along the shores of the Otonabee. This remarkable and untiring lover of nature is now in her ninety-third year; but her ardour seems to be still unabated, although she naively writes:

"I was only able to go over the more important islands, not being quite as strong for climbing the rugged dangerous rocks as formerly."

Worthy of note in this collection are *Deschampsia flexuosa* from Hurricane Point and Fairy Lake, *Panicum xanthophyllum* from the islands of Minni-wa-wa, *Carex sychnocephala*, with *Carex tribuloides*, from the islands in Stony Lake.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Traill is just about to issue another of her charming works on natural history under the attractive title of "Pearls and Pebbles," which we feel sure will be read with pleasure and profit by many of her fellow members of this club.— J. F.

CUSCUTA EPITHYMUM, var. trifolii.—About the first of October of this year, I found this plant in a clover field belonging to Mr. Wm. Finley, at Ingleside, about 10 miles from St. John, N.B. Only a small patch of the field was infested with the parasite (a space not more than ten feet square), and this near the side of a road. So thick was it, however, that not only the clover stems, (*Trifolium pratense*), but every available stalk, even to the blades of grass, were thickly twined with it. I pointed out to Mr. Finley the dangerous nature of the parasite (the first appearance so far as I am aware in the Province of New Brunswick), and he has since ploughed it under.

St. John, Oct. 22, 1894.

G. U. Hay.

AN ARBORETUM FOR ST. JOHN, N.B.—In the St. John, N.B., *Globe*, under date Oct. 20, 1894, appears a letter by Mr. G. U. Hay, F.R.S.C., under the above heading. In this letter it is stated that the local Horticultural Association has been most successful during the past two years in decorating the public squares and, further, that land has been purchased for a public park. Mr. Hay then makes the following valu-