

CONCHOLOGY.

I am very much pleased to be able to record an addition to the list of Ottawa land shells :

In May, 1890, while searching for specimens of *Pupa Armifera*. Say, near the railway bridge on the Hull side of the Ottawa River, I found a number of Pupæ, which at the time I considered to belong to some form of *pentodon*.

A few weeks ago I sent some of the shells to Dr. Sterki, and he has returned them marked *Pupa Holyingeri*.

Holyingeri and *pentodon* are very similar in size, color and arrangement of the "teeth," but differ in shape.

Pentodon tapers rapidly, the apical whorls being much narrower than the later ones.

Holyingeri is cylindrical, being of an almost uniform width throughout.

Dr. Sterki tells me that he now considers that *pentodon* and its ally *curvidens* belong to the genus *Pupa*, and not to *Vertigo*, to which genus they were removed, I think on his authority, a few years ago.—GEO. W. TAYLOR, Victoria, B.C.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

The twelfth Annual Meeting of the above Society commenced on Tuesday, May 23rd. After routine business, the Reports from the associated Societies were read by the Delegates present. The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club was represented by Mr. Shutt. In the afternoon Dr. Kingsford read a paper *in memoriam*, on the late Sir Daniel Wilson, and one on the late Mr. Gisborne was read by Sir James Grant, after which there was a short but most enjoyable "At Home" given by Mr. Sanford Fleming, C.M.G. The Presidential Address by Dr. Bourinot, C.M.G., delivered in the Normal School at 8 p.m., was a masterly treatment of "Our Intellectual Strength and Weakness," and was listened to with the closest interest by all who were present. After the close of the lecture, Dr. Bourinot had a most charming "At Home" at his residence. On Wednesday, at the close of the morning session, the Fellows and