

CONCHOLOGY.

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Several hundred *Helix rufescens* and *H. Cantiana*, collected at Quebec, with probably a thousand eggs of the latter species, have been set out on the Exhibition Grounds west of Machinery Hall. The place selected is quite undisturbed, even when other portions of the grounds are thronged with people; and as it is easy of access frequent observations may be made of the success or failure of these shells to exist so far inland. Both species have made their way into Canada from England and are now as firmly established on Cape Diamond as the flag which they followed across the sea. *H. rufescens* abounds throughout the City of Quebec, at Levis, and on the Island of Orleans. *H. Cantiana* appears to be restricted to two localities on the escarpment of the Cape: and this may account for the fact that the shell escaped notice until 1885. It is not known to occur elsewhere in America, and its struggle for existence here will be watched with interest. -L.

Another shell, *H. harpa*, small but beautiful and a native of our northern clime, though not hitherto known to occur in this vicinity, has also been introduced on the peninsula, near Machinery Hall. More than a hundred mature individuals from Ste. Petronille, on the Island of Orleans, have been placed among just such bracken and poplars, as they had been taken from a few days before. - I.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Soiree Committee is about to arrange the programme of evening meetings for the winter season, and desires that any member who may wish to read a paper, or to have one presented, will without delay furnish the title of his proposed paper, and the date on which it will be completed. The Leaders of the several Branches, will be glad to have notes of any objects of special interest which have been observed during the past season, to assist them in preparing the reports of the Branches. The Treasurer finds that many members have apparently forgotten that the annual subscription fee is payable in advance, and that money is needed monthly for the payment of printer's bills and postage. (Ed.)