

Pods triquetrous-ovoid, finely dotted, 4 to 5 lines long; late foliage nearly glabrous, but rather fleshy.

Collected by Mr. J. M. Dickson near Port Flamboro, Ont., May, 1898, and grown by Dr. Greene and the writer. The growing plants are very easily distinguished from *V. cuspidata* to which it is closely related. Included in this paper in order to complete the enumeration of the Ontario species as far as they are known.

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### REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION, 1898.

In the Botanical Branch there has been more than usual activity during the past season. At all the sub-excursions, of which there have been more than in any previous year, of the Club's history, the followers of the botanical leaders have always been by far the most numerous. Accounts of these sub-excursions have already appeared in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, and need not be referred to here.

An unusual advantage to the Club during the past season has been the large proportion of the meetings at which Prof. Macoun has been able to be present. Unfortunately Mr. Robert Whyte is still unable to take an active part in the field work of the Club; but he has been well represented by Miss Marion Whyte a member of the Council of the Club who has been a constant attendant at the excursions throughout the season.

Several additions have been made to the local flora during the year. Since the completion of Prof. Macoun's "Cryptogamic Flora of Ottawa" published in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST eight species of lichens and six of mosses have been added by him to the local list. In September and October Prof. Macoun collected over 600 species of fungi in the vicinity of Ottawa. Of these, many were additions to the local flora, a few were new to America though found in Europe and several were new to science. Mr. Percy Saunders also made a special study of fungi