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EXPLANATION OF PLATE IX.

Idiocerus fitchi.—Fig. 1, egg; figs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, first, second, third, fourth and fifth stage nymph; fig. 7, adult.

THE INSECT COLLECTIONS OF CANADA. I.

THE COLLECTIONS OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

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When the Entomological Society of Ontario was organized in April, 1863, one of the objects set forth in its constitution was the formation of a general collection of insects. During the following year the records show that a cabinet of seven drawers was presented by Professor Croft, the President, and nearly 1,700 specimens were contributed by seven members. At another meeting held during the same year over 600 specimens, belonging to various orders were added to the collection. An excellent beginning was thus made through the generosity and enthusiasm of the members.

In December, 1869, the Society received a grant of \$400 for the year 1870, from the Board of Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario, on condition that it "furnished an Annual Report, formed a cabinet of insects useful and prejudicial to agriculture and horticulture, and continued the publication of the *Canadian Entomologist*." In fulfilment of these conditions the first of the Society's Annual Reports was published and a cabinet of insects, arranged from an economic point of view, was prepared and placed in the rooms of the Association in Toronto. What became of this collection the writer has been unable to ascertain.

Being now possessed of an annual income, the Society made a grant of \$75 to the London Branch towards the purchase of a cabinet. With this aid the Branch procured a large, black walnut cabinet containing forty-five drawers and proceeded gradually to fill it with an excellent collection. It now forms part of the Society's property and occupies a place with the rest of our material in the Museum of the Ontario Agricultural College. A cabinet

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