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THE RED-FLOWERING DOGWOOD.

 WE have only one genus of the Dogwood family in Ontario, viz., the *Cornus*, a name given it with reference to the hardness of its wood. Of this genus we have in Ontario seven species, to some of which we shall briefly refer. The Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*) grows abundantly in the Niagara district, along our fences, and is a very ornamental bush on account of its bright red-purple branches and its white berries. The Bunch-berry (*Cornus Canadensis*) is a small plant, which we found growing plentifully about Gravenhurst, and around Muskoka lake, blooming about the first of July. The Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus Florida*) is a small tree, reaching sometimes a height of twenty or even thirty feet, and is very ornamental both in fruit and flower. The flowers are white, often tinged with a shade of pink, and the berries are a bright scarlet. This tree is very frequently met with in rocky woods in the Niagara dis-

trict; we have found it in flower about Grimsby, and near the village of Fonthill, about the beginning of June.

The Red Flowering Dogwood, of which our colored plate is an illustration, is simply a variety of the latter species, and Mr. Thos. Meehan, of Germantown, Philadelphia, speaks of it as follows:—

“In walking through the woods in Spring when the White Dogwoods are in bloom, we have often seen flowers that had quite a tinge of pink running through them, though not sufficient to make them particularly desirable. When this new red flowered variety was first introduced, many persons thought it was but one of these light pink forms, that was perhaps a trifle more marked than some of the wild white ones. Being anxious to learn just what merit it possessed, through the kindness of the originator, we secured some flowers of it, and upon opening the box were agreeably surprised to find them of the most beautiful rosy pink