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LEPIDOPTERA TAKEN AT ST. FABIEN, QUE.

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A small collection of Lepidoptera was made by the writer during the first five days of July last, at St. Fabien, Rimouski County, Que. Owing to the remoteness of the locality from the better collected districts, it was thought advisable to prepare for publication a list of the captures made.

St. Fabien is situated at about one and a quarter miles from the St. Lawrence River, and is separated from the latter by a narrow wooded hill about 300 feet high. A beautiful sandy road branches off the main public road, passes at the foot of the hill and leads to the beach. This road for nearly its whole length is thickly bordered with alder, birch, coniferous trees, herbaceous plants and flowers of different kinds, and forms an ideal spot for insects, especially for butterflies. This place was visited several times during the above period; unfortunately, the temperature was not always very suitable.

On the second of July an attempt was made to do some collecting at light, but without success, probably due to the coolness of the air. During the earlier part of the evening, before the lantern was set to work, a specimen of *Sthenopsis quadriguttatus* was seen hovering amongst the alder bushes and was captured. Another specimen was seen a few minutes later, but could not be taken.

The afternoon and the night of the following day were spent at Lac des Joncs, one of the several lakes in the neighbourhood, and situated about four miles inland of St. Fabien. Some lively trout fishing was done during the greater part of the afternoon, and the evening was spent collecting at light, insects being fairly abundant; unluckily, a heavy rain-storm came down at ten o'clock and lasted until the following morning, when the return to St. Fabien was effected.

The captures were :

Papilio turnus L.—St. Fabien. Several examples were seen; all had a worn-out appearance.

Pontia napi L., var. *oleracea* Harris.—St. Fabien. One specimen.