

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

OTTAWA, January 15, 1918.

The Honourable,  
The Minister of Agriculture,  
Ottawa

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval, Entomological Circular No. 11, entitled "The White-marked Tussock Moth," which has been prepared under my direction by Mr. J. M. Swaine, Assistant Entomologist in charge of Forest Insect Investigations, and Mr. G. E. Sanders, Field Officer.

The White-marked Tussock Moth is one of our native insects which is widespread throughout Eastern Canada, and periodically it increases to so great an extent as to cause serious damage to the shade trees in and around our cities and towns, and to fruit in the orchards. An outbreak of this insect is now taking place in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and as usual it is causing serious apprehension in many places, with the result that we are receiving many requests for information concerning control measures. This circular has been prepared to meet these calls for assistance, and not only to furnish information required by the public but also to impress upon civic authorities the importance of taking steps to prevent the destruction of their valuable shade trees by this and other insects which assist in the destruction of a feature which adds so much to the beauty and comfort of our Canadian towns and cities.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. GORDON HEWITT,  
*Dominion Entomologist.*