

be forthcoming. So little is known of the insects of Alberta that Mr. Whitehouse's work makes a valuable addition to our knowledge of the fauna of this Province.

The author has aimed to make the paper useful to the beginner and he has, therefore, avoided all but the most necessary technical terms, and has made the descriptive notes as brief and simple as possible. They are not intended to enable the student to determine all his captures with certainty, but with the help of the figures, which in most cases illustrate the male appendages, (these being usually among the most useful characters), the identification of the males, at least, of most of the species, should not be a difficult matter, especially as the Alberta fauna is not a very large one. There are 43 species actually recorded from the Province and 12 others are included as probably occurring there.

The omission of exact localities and dates of capture, though regrettable from the specialist's standpoint, is, no doubt, due to the author's object of merely providing a simple guide for the use of the beginner, this information having been already published for most of the species in Mr. Whitehouse's papers on the Odonata of the Red Deer District (Can. Ent., XLIX, pp. 96-103; L, pp. 95-100). As a substitute, a key is given to the seasonal distribution, with remarks on the range within the Province and the relative frequency of occurrence of each species. The data for the seasonal distribution is, however, in most cases insufficient and must vary considerably according to altitude and other factors. It is, in some cases, based on a single record, which has no value for such a purpose, and in other cases the records are from localities outside of Alberta, which are equally valueless. To this extent, therefore, the key is misleading.

Unfortunately, through no fault of the author, the numbering of the pages has been omitted.

We hope that this useful little guide will stimulate others to take up the study of dragonflies in this interesting region where mountain and prairie faunas meet.

(To be continued.)

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