

from Hull, Que., Buckingham, Que., and Duck Island near Ottawa.

CAREX LUPULIFORMIS, Sartwell.

Near Galt, Ont. 1902. (*W. Herriott.*) New to Canada.

SETARIA VERTICILLATA, Beauv.

On Carling street, London, Ont., 1902. (*J. Dearness.*)

Other specimens in our herbarium which have been referred here prove to be not this species, which is probably not of so wide distribution in Canada as has been thought.

BROMUS ERECTUS, Huds.

Roadsides on the south side of 2nd concession, London township, Middlesex Co., Ont., 1902. (*J. Dearness.*) New to Canada.

MUD PUPPIES.

W. HAGUE HARRINGTON, OTTAWA.

It is generally supposed that only anti-prohibitionists see snakes and lizards in the flowing bowl, but yet it sometimes happens that an adherent to the Ottawa water system finds the genuine article in his, or at least a very closely connected relative. A few days ago (on Jan. 17th) there was on exhibition in the boiler-room of the Langevin Building a "critter" that had been taken that morning from one of the water-locks. It had been placed in a bottle and elicited from those who inspected it many opinions as to its habits and qualities which, though interesting, were not of sufficient scientific value to reproduce here. The species of animal in question is one regarding which I have been often questioned, and as it is common in the Ottawa River, and occasionally brings itself before the public by issuing from the water pipes, a few lines in our Club journal may satisfy the enquiring that, though not beautiful, it is at least a harmless visitor. Its scientific name is *Necturus maculatus*, of which *Menobranchnus lateralis*, *punctatus*, etc., are synonyms. The common name