

genus going into the synonymy. This would be practically the position of Salter except that we would use *Cryptolithus* for *Trinuclaus*, and *Trinuclaus* for *Tretaspis*.

Fourth, use the three names, *Cryptolithus* for the type of *tessellatus* and *caractaci*, *Trinuclaus* for *fimbriatus* and its allies, and *Tretaspis* for *seticornis* and the like.

ZAPUS PRINCIPS MINOR.

A NEW MOUSE RECORD FOR MANITOBA.

The mouse whose name appears above was one of a small collection recently determined through the courtesy of Dr. H. W. Henshaw, of Washington, who informs me that its capture at Aweme, Manitoba, constitutes, not only a record for the Province, but also extends the known range of this rodent considerably further eastward. As a matter of fact, however, these mice appear to be the usual race met with in south-western Manitoba, as we have yet to discover any other. They are found not infrequently on the edges of woods among low bushes and occasionally in tall grass in open situations.

Like other members of the genus, they are by no means easy to capture and their long jumps (from five to seven feet) combined with their habit of doubling, often completely mystify a dog, as they would doubtless a coyote or fox; besides this they have an instinctive knowledge of their colour resemblance to the surrounding objects and so, after a few puzzling leaps, will crouch down and remain perfectly motionless until danger seems past, when they creep silently away. This is when they have strayed from their burrows. When their homes are at hand they quickly vanish beneath the ground.

Zapus principis minor may be described briefly as follows: length 219 mm., tail vertabræ 131, hind foot 30; colour agaty, sides ochraceous, moderately covered with black tipped hairs; lower parts yellowish with a slight tinge of pink fading to white beneath. It resembles closely other species of the genus, particularly *Z. hudsonius campestris*, from which it differs, however, in being slightly smaller and more brightly coloured.

But one of these mice has previously been recorded for Manitoba, namely *Z. hudsonius*, the type locality for which is Hudson's Bay. Probably at least one other—*campestris*—will eventually turn up within our boundaries, and since the extension of the Province to Hudson's Bay, others may well be discovered in the north country.

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