

on the approach of winter, the object in both being the preservation of the species ; in the case of the insect to obtain a suitable place for hibernation, as well as a continued supply of food until the time of hibernation arrives ; in the case of the bird to secure food when it would be difficult or impossible to get it in a northern climate. The instinct of the butterfly might therefore be looked upon as a true migratory instinct, in contradistinction to that of the locust, which is of a lower order.

There is another butterfly which displays this instinct to a large extent. I refer to the well-known *Pyrameis cardui*, or Painted Lady. It is a cosmopolitan butterfly, being found in all parts of the world—a result, no doubt, of its migratory habits, conjoined to a faculty of acclimatization. Though I have never actually seen a migration of this insect, I have had no doubt for years past that one did take place in the vicinity of Quebec, I think in 1865 or '66. I had been looking out for the insect for several years, but never saw a single specimen till one summer, when it suddenly became the most common butterfly in the neighborhood. They could be seen by dozens everywhere. Next year it was not to be found, nor did it return during my stay in Quebec, up to 1872.

I have an idea that others of the genus *Pyrameis*, as well as the species of the allied genera, *Grapta* and *Vanessa*, have these migratory habits to some extent. The same phenomenon, that of scarcity, then extreme abundance for one season, and then disappearance, took place with regard to *Vanessa j-album*. They were so abundant one summer that I even saw them drinking spruce beer from the old applewomens' kegs on the Upper Town Market, Quebec, while next season the only specimen I found was a poor dilapidated individual which I took snugly tucked away under the coping of a fence, where it had evidently passed the winter.

As I said before, the fact of *Pyrameis cardui* being found in all the four quarters of the globe is no doubt due to its migrating propensity. A further proof of this is found in the well-known fact that our *archippus*, originally confined to America (though ranging from Canada to Bolivia), has lately spread over some of the islands of the Pacific to Queensland and New Guinea, and over the Azores to Europe, such extension of habitat necessarily indicating great power of long sustained flight. Since the Milk-weeds are not plants of commercial value, it is highly improbable that the species has been carried in any of its preparatory states in ships. The fact remains, however, that it has been found as a new inhabitant of those countries. Its powers of flight will hardly be doubted by any one