

long before one of these handsome creatures came floating past me on the wing. An exciting chase ensued. Although its flights were short, it was very difficult to approach, and always when alighting, turned to face its pursuer. After many cautious, though ineffectual attempts to take it by bringing the net suddenly down on it, it was finally made prisoner by a sudden sweep. In a short time another was seen which was taken in the same way; and in about an hour afterwards a third made its appearance, but although I did my best to capture this, I could not succeed in taking it.

They are confined, as far as I could learn, to a spot on the railway track about two or three hundred yards in length. It was there the two specimens were taken in 1858, and there they occurred again this season; nevertheless, we searched diligently for many hours in the vicinity, but failed to find one in any other place.

It is very probable that this species may occur in other localities throughout the Province, since T. Cottle, Esq., of Woodstock, is of opinion that he has seen it on the wing near his residence. It would be well for collectors to keep a sharp look out on all suspicious-looking *Vanessæ*, as the occurrence of this species (which is, I believe, not generally supposed to be found far north of Virginia) in different localities throughout the Upper Province would be an exceedingly interesting fact in the annals of Entomology.

For the benefit of those who may not have seen this insect or its photograph, I have added a short description of it, in order that it may be readily recognized.

General color of upper surface brown; anterior wings having a broad whitish band extending nearly from the costal to the inner margin, and enclosing near the anal angle a large black, eyelike spot, encircled by a yellowish brown iris. In some specimens, a second and very small spot is situated near the tip exterior to the band. Two smaller reddish bands bordered with black, and placed at equal distances from the body and the white band, cross the discoidal cell.

On each of the posterior wings are two conspicuous eye-spots, the under one much smaller than the upper, both encircled by a yellow iris bordered with black. Between these eye-spots and the hind margin is placed a band of red bordered externally by one or more dark marginal lines. The under surface of the wings is much paler than that of the upper, and although the markings are similar they are much less distinct.