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THE DIPTERA OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Second Part.—The Syrphidæ.

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In Part I. of this paper Professor Jas. S. Hine has given a list of the Diptera of British Columbia in all the families except the Syrphidæ. While connected with the Minnesota University Seaside Station at Port Renfrew, on Vancouver Island, during the summers of 1901 and '02, the present writer paid especial attention, as far as time permitted, to the collection of Syrphids, hence the list of species in this family is much more complete than in other families which were picked up incidentally.

Port Renfrew is situated on the south-west corner of Vancouver Island, across the Strait of Fuca from Cape Flattery. The forest is unbroken, and the thick, sunless evergreen woods cover everything to the edge of the cliffs and rocks that form the shore, leaving only the merest fringe at the extreme border, where flowering plants may grow to attract Syrphids. A few small sphagnum swamps and streams let a little light into the forest, and on the flowers growing in such places Syrphids were common. A few species, such as *Sericomyia chalcopyga*, were found about stagnant pools in woodland. Practically all of the 35 species taken here were found along the shore within a mile of the Station.

Two days were spent about Victoria with favourable results. There are some fine collecting grounds near the city. At Vancouver a couple of hours between the arrival of our boat and the departure of our train yielded a number of species. At Agassiz, 70 miles from the coast, six species were taken in a few moments' rapid work while the train stopped at the station. A portion of two days was spent at Glacier in July, 1901, and again in August, 1902, and here 16 species were taken, mostly on the flowers of a small mountain meadow about 6,000 feet up on the side of Eagle Mt. Glacier is near the summit of the pass over the Selkirk Mts. A number of species were taken also at Field, a short distance west of the Great Divide. On account of their interest in comparison 12 species taken at Seattle, Washington; 14 taken at Laggan, Alberta, most of them