

## STRAY NOTES ON CANADIAN DIPTERA.

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The following fragmentary notes are submitted to the readers of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST in the hope that they may assist in even a small measure in determining the numbers of this order occurring in the Dominion.

When in Canada I only incidentally captured Diptera, and the number I possess is very limited. I am indebted to F. Smith, Esq., of the British Museum, for the names of those given below. There are some other species as yet undetermined, and which on some future occasion I may succeed in getting named. The localities and dates given may be relied upon, as I numbered every insect taken, and recorded the date and locality at the time. I have included a few taken in New Hampshire and Maine, as it is probable they may also be found in Canada. Apologizing for the imperfection of the list, I send it in hope of assisting any one who may take up the Diptera of Canada. For the labels being lost off some I am indebted to the gross carelessness of one of our railways, over which the cabinet containing my insects was sent. I found great numbers loose, some ground to powder, others more or less injured, and many with the tickets shaken off. This prevents my being certain of the localities, &c., in some cases, but I believe all were taken in or near Toronto.

*Anthrax fuscipennis*, Say.

I took this fly in considerable numbers on the carriage drive in front of the Rev. W. Ritchie's, at Georgina, on the 8th of August, 1863. They were hovering over holes in the gravel.

*Anthrax analis*, Say.

Taken at the same time and place, and along with the last. Habits. the same.

*Anthrax bastardi*, Macq.

One was taken at Orillia in August, 1863. I also took one at Gorham, in New Hampshire, on August 19th, 1861.

*Anthrax terminipennis*, Say.

Labels lost, but taken, I believe, at Toronto.