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## FAUNA OTTAAVAENSIS.

hemptrera.

By W. Hague Harrington.

In the report of the Entomological Branch for 1800 (Orraw. Natcranist, Vol. V, 193) it was promised that a prehminary list of local Hemiptera would be published. The collection and study of our species has been of a very limited and fragmentary nature, and the list now submitted (with some reluctance) is coriespondingly incomplete. It may, however, serve some purpose as a basis for future study of our many interesting forms, and, as few lists of Canadian Hemiptera have been published, a record of the distribution of the species enumerated. When the Abbe Protancher was publishing the third volume of his Petite Faune Entomologique du Canada, specimens of our Hemiptera were communicated by Mr. Fletcher, Mr. (iuignard and the writer, and reference to hi, work will show that from our material he described several new species, and made a number of additions to bis records.

The appearance of the present list, however, has been possible only through the kindly assistance of Mr Van Dazee, of Buffalo, N.'.., who has examined nearly all the writer's collections, and has also furnished a generic arrangement of the Homoptera, and in other ways given valuable aid. In the Heteroptera the check list of North American species published by Mr. Uhler in 1872 has been fullowed.

The following list contains nearly 200 species, but it only shows how much yet remains to be done before any satisfactory knowledge of our fauna is gained. The references to the relative abundance of the species, and the dates of their appearance, are given from the writer's collection, but in many instances are of small value, as these insects have not been systematically collected, but obtained when the main object of the chase was the capture of Hymenoptera and Coleoptera. The greater part of this collecting has further been in the early summer, when many of the species are immature, and comparatively little in July, August and September, when the mature insects would probably be most abundant. Our Psyllidæ, Aphidæ and Coccidæ have been omitted, for though the species are numerous and important, espucially
from an economic standpoint, few have been collected and determined. let us hope that Mr. Fletcher, whose professional duties bring to his notice many of these destructive forms, may at an early date be able to prepare a preliminary list of the species.

## HETEEROPTERA.

Scutilleride.
Homemus reneifrons, Say. Nit common. July: Eurygaster alternıtus, Say. Common. May to August.

Corimelanide.
Corimelena atra, Am. et $S$. One specimen.
Corimelæna pulicaria, Germ. Abundant. May.
Cydnide.
Amnestus spinifrons, Say. One specimen.
Canthophorus cinctus, Pal. Bealt. Not common. May.
Pentatomde.
Perillus citcumcinctus, Stal. Two specimens. April.
Podisus cynicus, say. Not common.
Podisus modestus, Dallas. Abundant. May, June.
Podisus sp). ? Perhaps var. of modestus. One specimen.
Neottiglossa undata, Say. Common. July.
Cosmopepla carnifex, Fol. Abundant.
Mormidea lugens, Fiob. Common. May.
Euchistus fissili;, Uhl. Abundant. May.
Euchistus tristigmus, Say. Abundant. May.
Conus delius, Siy. Common. May.
Menecles insertus, Sar. One specimen. June 16th.
Pentatoma juniperina, Linn. Abundant. On pines, etc.
Peribalus piceus, Dallas. One specimen.
Banasa dimidizta, Say. 'Two specimens.
Banasa calva, Suy. Not common. May 24th.
Acanthosoma cruciata, Say. Not common.

## Coreide.

Anasa triztis, De Geer. Two specimens several years ago.
Alydus eurinus, Say. Not common.

Alydus quinquespinosus, Say. Not common. August.
Proternor Belfragei, Has. (Titouhinus quelvecensis, Pror.) Not common. August

Bervitide.
Neides muticus, Say. Rare. June, July.
Corizus punctiventris, Dallas. Not common. May.
Corizus nigristernum, Sign. Common. August.
Liggaidas.
Nysius thymi, Wolf. Abundant. May, June.
Ischnorhynchus didymus, Zitt. Abundant. May to Juls
Cymus angustatus, Stal. Abundant. June.
Ligyrocoris sylvestris, Linn. Not common. August.
Pamera bilobata, Say: One specimen.
Ptochiomera sp, ? One specimen.
Salacis pilosula, Stal. Two specimens.
Trapezonotus nebulosus, Fiail. Not common.
Peritrechus fraternus, Uhl. One specimen.
Eremocoris ferus, siay. Not common.
Scolopostethus atfinis, Schill. Twu specimens. April
Megalonotus unus, Say: (?) One specimen.
Peliopelta abbreviata, Ull. Abundant. June, July.
Lygæus Kaimii, Slal. Common. July. On Asclepias. Carsine.
Trigonotylus ruficornis, Foll. Two specimens. Tuly:
Miris affinis, Reut. Not commot. Apil, May.
Leptopterna dolobrata, Linut Common. June, July:
Trachelomiris (Collaria) Meill, urii, Frov. Common. July.
Resthenia insitiva, Say: Not common. June, July.
Resthenia insignis, Say. Two Specimens, Iune.
I.opidea media, Say. Not common. June, July.

Phytocoris eximius, Reut. One specimen.
Phytocoris pallidicornis, Reut. Two specimens. July ifth.
Calocoris rapidus, Say Abundant. June.
Pycnopterna amona, Prov. (Petite Faune Ent. ILI., 114, n. sp.)
Lygus pratensis; Linn. Abundant. April, June.

Lygus flavonotatus, Prov. Abundant.
Lygus sp. (Not described.) One specimen.
Coccobaphes sanguinarius, Uhl. Not common. July.
Pœcilucapsus lineatus, Fab. Abundant. June.
Pœcilocapsus goniphorus, Say. Very common. June, July.
Pcecilocapsus affins, Reut. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. III., 123.)
Pcecilocapsus marginalis, Reut. (Prov. ibid.)
Systratiotus americanus, Reut. Two specinens. August.
Camptobrochis grandis, Uhl. Two specimens.
Capsus ater, Linn. Very common. June.
Monalocoris filicis, Liun. One specimen. May 24. (High Falls.)
Pilophorus bifasciatus, Fab. One specimen.
Stiphrosoma stygica, Say. One specimen.
Labops hesperius, Uh'. Abundant. June. (Long-winged furm rare.)

Idolocoris famelicus, Uhl. Not common. May, July.
Idulocoris agilis, Uhl. One specimen.
Rhinocapsus Vanduzei, Uhl. 'Two specimens, June 25.
Agalliastes sp. (near associatus.) Two specimens.
Acanthinfe
Tetraphleps canadensis, Proi'. One specimen.
Anthocoris musculus, Say. One specimen.
Acanthia lectularia, Linn. Abundant in some localities.
Tingride.
Acalypta Thomsonii, Stal. One specimen.
Corythuca arcuata, Say. Common.
Gargaphia tiliæ, Walsh. Abundant.
Physatochila plexa, Say: Two specimens.
Leptophya mutica, Say. One specimen.
Aradide. .
Aradus æqualis, Say. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. III., 165.)
Aradus acutus, Say. (Prov. ibid., 166.)
Aradus rectus, Say. One specimen.
Aradus sp. Several specimens of 3 or 4 species.
Aneurus inconstans, Ull. Two specimens. May.

## Phymatide.

Phymata Wolffii, Stal. Common. August. On Solidago.
Nabide.
Coriscus subcoleoptratus, Kirby. Common. June, July.
Coriscus inscriptus, Kir/ly. Common.
Coriscus propinquus, Reltt. Not common. Maj. Reduvide.

Sinea diadema, Fab. Abundant. August, September.
Iiplodus luridus, Stal. Common.
Darbanus palliatus, /rov. (Petite Faure Ent. III., 182, n. sp.)
Evagoras marginata, Proz. (ibid, n. sp.)
Opsicotu; personatus, Linn. Not common.
Pygolampis pectoralis, Sa). One specimen. May 3 r.
Limnobatide.
1.imnobates lineata, Say. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. IIl., 193)

Hymrobatide.
Limnotrechus, n. sp. ? One specimen.
Saldide.
Salda major, Prou. One specimen.
Salda deplanata, Uhl. One specimen.
Salda sp., probably undescribed. Common. (Hu!l.)
Belastomatide.
Zaitha fluminea, Say. Abundant.
Belostoma americanum, Leiiz. Very common.
Nepide.
Nepa apiculata, Cihl. One specimen. (Leamy's Lake.) Ranatra fusca, Pal. Beauv. Common.

Notonectide.
Notonecta undulata, Say. Abundant in lakes and streams.
Notonecta undulata, Say. Var. almost white. Not common.
Notontcta irrorata, Uhl. Not common. (Hull Brook.)
Plea striola, Fïeb. Common. (Huil Brouk and Canal.)

## Corisides.

Corisa calva, Say. Not common.
Corisa alternata, $S(1)$. Abundant.
Corisa planifrons, Kirly. Severai specimens.
Corisa Harrisii, Ulht. Very abmad.nt.
Corisa trivittata, Prô. One specimen.

## HOMOPYYRA.

Cicabime.
Cicada pruinosa, Say. Abundant.
Tibicen rimosa, Sa). Not conmon.
Membracide
Enchinopa binotata, Say. Commun. August.
Campylenchia curvata, Fob. Abundant.
Ceresa diceros, Sary. Abundant. Juiy, August.
Ceresa bubalus, Frob. Abundant. August.
Ceresa subuinta, Lior. (?) (Prov. Pctite Faune Ent. III , 338.)
Stictocephala testina, Sar: (Prov. ibid., 237.)
Acutalis semicrems. Say. One specimen.
Entylia sinuata, Fabr. Common. June.
Publilia concava, sag. Not common.
Cyrtosia vau, ory. 'Tiwo sijecimens.
Cyrtosia trilineata, $S_{1}$ : (? $\% a r$. of preceding.) One specimen.
Cyrtosia ornata, Proi. (Petite Faune lint. III., 240, n. sp.)
Atymna castanea, Fitch. One specimen.
Thelia univittata, Harris. One specimen. July 10.
Telamona unicolor, Fïch. Females. Common. July.
Telamona fasciata, Fitch. Mal s. Two specimens.
Tclamona recl.vata, Fit:/h. Nc. common.
Tclamona sp., near monticola, Fal. One specimen.
Carynota mera, Say. Not common.
Carynota marmorata, Say. Two specimens.
Carynota picta, Prou. (Petite Faune Ent. III., 246, n. sp.) = ziar. of marmorata?

Fulgoridz.
Scolops sulcipes, Say. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. III., 223.)

Cixius pini, Fitch. Une specimen.
Cixius stigmatus, Sar: ivut cummon. May.
Oliarus quinquelineatus, Sar. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. IIL., :23.)
Myndus impunctatus, Filik. Two specimens.
Stenocranus dors lis, Fitith. Not common. May.
Liburnia pellucid., Fab. Two apecimens. May.
Helicoptera vestita, Frov. (Pctite Faune Ent. III.: 22I, 1 . sp.)
Oriocerus Degeeri, Kirhy. ( $=$ Coqu:bertii, Kirly. Prov. ibid. 217.)
Lamenia vulgaris, Fïlch. Not common.
Pruchumorpha oculata, Nezim. Rare.
Clercopide.
Lepyronia guadrangularis, Say: Common. July, Augusi.
Aphrophora parallela, Say. Common.
Aphrophora saratogensis, Filch. Two specimens.
Aphiophora quadrinotata, Say. One specimen.
Philæmus lineatus, Lizn. Nut common. June and July.
Clastoptera proteus, Fitch. Abundant. July.
Clastoptera obtusa, Say. Common. Jul:.

## Bythoscopide.

Bythoscopus sobrius, Walk. Three specimens. Bytnoscupus fenestratus, Fitich. 'Two specimens.
Bythoscopus variabilis, Fitch. Two specimens.
Bythoscopus pruni, Prov. One specimen.
Pediopsis trimaculata, Fïlch. One specımen. July.
Pediopsis insignis, Van Duzee. Two specimens.
Pediopsis viridis, Fitch. One specimen.
Pediopsis subiifasciatus, Say. (Prov. Petite Faune Ent. III., 292.)
Idiocerus verticis, Say. (Prov. ibid., 292.)
Idiocerus alternatus, Fitch. Abundant. May.
Idiocerus pallidus, Fitcit. One specimen.
Agallia quadr !unctata, Prov. Common. June.
Agallia novella, Say. Not common.
Tertigonide.
Oncometopia costalis, Fab. Abundant. May.
Oncometopia undata, Fal. (Prov. Pctite Fame Ent. III., $2 \sigma_{j}$.)

Tettigonia hieroglyphica, Sa). Common. May, August.
Diedrocephala coccinea, lorst. Abundint. July, uugust.
Diedrocephala novedoracensis, lïtch. Common. July.
Diedrocephala mollipes, Say. Not common.
Helochara communis, Fiech. Several specimens. May 24. (High「alls.)

Gypona 8-lineata, Say: Not common. July. August.
sar. flavolineata, Fitch. One specimen.
Gypona quebecensis, $P_{r} o v$. (?) One spicimen.
Gypona albomarginata, Woodszurth. (= Hullensis, Prov., Petite Faune Ent. III., 269, n. sp.) Three. June.

Jassume.
Ulopa, n. sp.? Common in moss, etc. Collected in November.
Gnathodus punctatus, 7 hunb. Three specimens. May 28.
Cicadula variat:, Fall. Not Common. July.
Cicadula sexnotat., Fall. (?) One specimen.
Scaphoideus immixtus, Say. Two specimens. July 8, is.
Thamnotettix clitellarius, Jay. Not common
Thamnotettix uniculor, Fitch. Twu specimens. July 7.
Athysanus plutonius, Uhl. One specimen.
Athysanus, n. sp. ? One specimen.
Platymetopius acutus, Say. Two specimens.
Deltocephalus Sayi, Fi:ch. One specimen. June 23.
Deltocephalus configuratus, Uh?. One specimen.
Deltocephalus debilis, Uhl. Two specimens. July 11.
Deltocephalus Melsheimeri, Fïtch. One specimen.

## Typhlocybide.

Typhlocyba vitis, Harris. Var. Abundant.
Typhlocyba sp. Common.

## PREITMINARY CHECK-1.IST OF THE LAND ANI FRESH WATER MOLLUSCA OF CANADA.

By Rev. (jecorge W. Taylor, Victoria, B.C.
In the March number of the Otrawa Natcradist I published a request for information to enable me to compile a complete Cleeck-list of the Canadian Land and Freshwater Mollusca, showing the distribution of each species.

It has since occurred to me that the gathering of records may be made easier by the publication of a preiiminary list. This is primed herewith. It contains the names of all those species of the occurrence of which in Canada I have fairly reliable information.

It does not, however, lay claim to completeness or even to absolute correctness as far as it goes, for I have in more than one instance allowed names to reman which are most probably syoonyms, ard I have retained other names because they have appeared on published lists though I sus, ect the specimens on which such records were founded may have been wrongly identined.

Impertect though it be the list will sente as a basis for future work, and corrections and additions can be made from time to time.

Of the 244 species here enumerated, $12 S$ ( 47 land and 40 Freshwater Um alves, and 41 Freshwater Bivalves) are on record from the Ounwa district : 57 ( 32 I and and 16 Freshwater Cnivalves, and 9 Freshwater Bivalves) are of my own collecting in Vancouver Island (19) of these being also on the Ottawa list). The remainins: 79 ( 20 Land and if Freshwater Univalves, and 36 Freshwater Bivalves) are from other parts of the Dominion. Probably 20 or 30 others may be added to the list. CHECK-IIST.
A.-Freshauater Braakes.

|  | hrer | sulcaum, lam. | S | Sphe | batella, (iould. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | : | (1) | 9 | ، | Vermontanum, I'ri: |
|  | ، | solidulum, Prime. | 10 | * | emarginatum, Prine |
|  |  | striatinum, Lam. | 11 | . | flavum, Prime. |
|  |  | stamineum, Comrad. | 2 |  | midum, Baird. |
|  |  | rhomboideum, Say. | 33 | * | pokani, Baird. |
|  |  | occidemala, Prime. | 14 |  | rtumeium, Say |



## B.-Fireshzuate, Univalies.

|  | Valvata tricarinata, Say. |  | Limnæג | humilis, Say. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 83 | " sincera, Sxy. | 2 |  | lanceata, Gould. |
| S9 | " pupoidea, Gould. | 21 | " | gracilis, Jay. |
| 90 | - ${ }^{\text {c }}$ virens, Tryon. | 122 | Physa L | Lordi, Baird. |
| 91 | Campeloma decisum, Say. | 123 |  | gyrina, Say. |
| 92 | Bythinia tentaculata, L . | 124 | " tri | triticea, lea. |
| 93 | Bythinella obtusa, Lea. | 125 | 1 | ampullacea, Gould. |
| 94 | Somatogyrus depressus, Tryon. | 26 | " an | ancillaria, Say. |
| 95 | 5 " isogonus, Say. | 127 |  | Billingsii, Heron. |
| 96 | 6 Amnicola porata, Say. | 128 |  | heterostropha, Say. |
| 97 | pallida, Hald. | 129 | Bulinus | s hypnorum, L. |
| 98 | 8 " limosa, Say. | 130 | Planorbi | bis corpulentus, Say. |
| 99 | " Cincinatiensis,Ant | 131 | " | trivolvis, Say. |
| 100 | granum, Say. | $13^{2}$ | . | macrostomus, What- |
|  | Fluminicola Nuttalliana, Lea. |  |  | ave |
| 102 | Pomatiopsis lapidaria, Hald. | 133 | * | bicarinatus, Say. |
| 103 | 3 " lustrica, Say. | 134 | * | campanulatus, Say. |
| 104 | 4 Plurocera subulare, Lea. | 135 |  | opercularis, Gould. |
| 105 | 5 Goniobasis livescens, Menke. | 136 | ' | exacutus, Say. |
| 106 | 6 " salicula, Gould. | 137 | * | deflectus, Say. |
| 107 | Limnea stagnalis, L. | 138 | " | albus, Müll. |
| 108 | 8 " ampla, Mighels. | 139 | " | nautileus, L. |
| 109 | 9 " decollata, Mighels. | $14^{\circ}$ | -* | parvus, Say. |
| 10 | - " columella, Say. | 141 | " | umbilicatus, J. W. |
| 111 | 1 " lepida, Gould. |  |  | Iaylor. |
| 112 | 2 " megasoma, Saj. | 142 | " | Eillingsii, Lea. |
| 133 | 3 " palustris, Mïll. | 143 | Segment | ntina armigera, Say. |
| 114 | 4 " catascopium, Say. | 14 | Ancylus | us parallelus, Hald. |
| $1 \times 5$ | 5 " emarginata, Say. | 145 | " | rivularis, Say. |
| 116 | 6 " caperata, Say. | 146 | " | caurinus, Cooper. |
| 117 | 7 " decidiosa, Say. | 147 | " | fragilis, Tryon. |
| 118 | 8 ، Adelinx, Tryon. | $1+8$ | " | Kootaniensis, Baird. |

149 Selenites concava, Say. 151 Selenites sportella, Gould.
150 " Vancouverensis,l.ca. 152 Limax agrestis, Müll.

| 153 154 | Limax campestris, Binney. " hyperboreus, Westerlund. | $\begin{aligned} & 18: \\ & 185 \\ & 186 \end{aligned}$ | Patula striatella, A•th. " asteriscus, Morse. <br> Helicodiscus lineatus, Syy. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 155 | Vitrina limpida, Gould. | $\mathrm{SH}_{7}$ | Acanthinula harpa, Say |
| 156 | Pfeifferi, Newcomb. | SS | Punctum minutissimum, 1.e. |
| 157 | Zonites fuliginosus, Griff. | 189 | conspectum, Bland. |
| 158 | ligerus, Say. | 190 | Helix aspersa, Müll. |
| 159 | intertextus, Binney. | 19 I | : hortensis, L. |
| 160 | inornatus, Say. | 192 | fidelis, Gray. |
| 161 | celiarius Müll. | 19.3 | arbust rum, L. |
| :6: | nitidus, Mïll. | 194 | Townsendiana, Lea. |
| 163 | arboreus, Say. | 19.5 | hispida, L. |
| 164 | radiatulus, Alder. | 196 | rufescens, Pemnant. |
| 165 | indentatus, Say. | 197 | Cantiana, Muntagu. |
| 166 | minusculus, Binney. | 19 S | thyroides, Say. |
| 167 | milium, Miorse. | 199 | albolabris, Say. |
| 168 | Binneyanus, Morse. | 200 | denuferit, Binney. |
| 169 | ferreus, Morse. | $2 \times 1$ | Columbiana, Lea. |
| 170 | exiguus, Stimpson. | 202 | ، devia, Gould. |
| 171 | fulvus, Drap. | 203 | Sayii, Binney. |
| 172 | suppressuz, Say. | 234 | munodon, Rackett. |
| 173 | multidentatus, Binney. | 205 | Leaii, Ward. |
| 174 | Pristiloma Lansingi, Bland. | 205 | germana, G.ould. |
| 175 | Stearnsi, Bland. | 207 | tridentata, Say. |
| 176 | Tebennophorus Caroliniensis, | 203 | palliata, S.ay. |
|  | Bosc. | 209 | pulchell ', Müll. |
| 177 | dorsalis, Binney. | 210 | costata, Mäll. |
| 178 | AriolimaxColumbianus,Gould. |  | labyrinthica, Say. |
| 179 | Prophysaon Hemphilli, !ld. \& Binney. | 212 | Pupa muscoram, L. <br> " Hoppii, Muller. |
| 180 | Pacificum, Cockerell. | 214 215 | ". decora, Guuld. <br> " corpulenta, Morse. |
| $11_{1}$ | Patula alternata, Say. | 216 | " fallax, Say. |
| $1 \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ | strigosa, Gould. | 217 | " corticaria, Say. |
| 183 | perspectiva, Say. | 218 | . armifera, Say. |


|  | Pupa contracta, Sxy. |  | Succinea | Hawkinsi, Baird. |
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| 225 | " Holzingeri, Sterki. | 234 | " | lincata, Binney. |
| 221 | " similex, Gould. | 2,j5 | " | Nuttalliana, Lea. |
| 222 | " milium, Gould. | 236 | " | obliqua, Say. |
| 223 | Vertigo ovata, Say. | 237 | " | Oregonensis, Lea. |
| 224 | Gouldii, Binney. | 238 | " | ovalis, Gould. |
| 225 | B. , llesiana, Morse. | 239 | " | Haydenı, W.G. Binney |
| 226 | ventricosa, Morse. | 240 | " | rusticana, Gould. |
| 227 | pentodon, Say. | 2.41 | " | Verrilli, Bland. |
| 228 | " curvidens, Cosuld. | 242 | Onchidiu | um Carpenteri, W. (i. |
| 229 | Binneyana, Sturki. |  |  | Binney. |
|  | Ferussacia subcylindrica, L | 243 | O:schide | lla borcalis, D.all. |
| 231 | Succinea aurea, Lea. | 244 | Carychiu | um exiguam, Say. |
| 232 | " avara, Say. |  |  |  |

## ROYAL SOCIEIY OF CANADA.

The Eleventh Arinual Meeting of the above Socicty will be held in Ottawa in the beginning of June.

Fellows and Delegates will register in Dr. Bourinot's office in the House of Commons on May 31 st , between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock a.m. There will be a general meeting of the Society from 10 to 12 and at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. I he Presidential Address; will be delivered by the Rev. Abbé Laflamme, D.D.

The meetings of Section IV-Geological and Biolugical Sciences -will be held in one of the Committee Rooms of the House of Co:nmons. All meetings are open to the public, and our members are particularly invited to attend. Mr. F. 'I. Shutt, M.A., F.I.C., F.C.S., vur First Vice-President will represent the Club officially.

# PARASITIC FUNGI. 

By Adolph Lehmann, B. S. A.
(Read at Microscopical Soirec, No. 2, 25th February, 1892.)
One of the many branches of science which is almost exclusively dependent on the microscope fur its development, is Mycology or the study of that group of minute plants known as fungi.

This group is an exceedingly large one and, as might be expected, some of its members vary considerably in size and apparance; even more so than some of our forest trees differ from the herbaccous plants growing underneath them. A jew like the mushron:as and toaditools are comparatively large ; but the num!) it the ie compared with those invisible to the naked eye is so smail that if the average size of the fungi could be aicertained this would not be materially incressed by the former. Therefore, speaking of the group, we call it one of microscopic plants; or p'ants of which even the ourline cannot be seen without a micrescope.

In addition to great differences in size, very $v$ rried forms of structure and reproduction are found in this group; but one of the characteristics the fungi have in common is that they do not poisess the peculiar green colouring matter, called chlorophyll, by which other plants are enabled to transform water and the rarbonic acid of the atmosphere into starch or some closely allied compounds. Not being able to do this they must absorb them from other plants or animals or some of their products. They are, therefore either parasitic or saprophytic; the former if they draw their nutriment from living tissues, the latter if from therr remains.

Nearly all the fungi have numerous slender filaments ramifying through the materia! on which they live. Generally this is the only portion of the plant existing in its early stage. It grows very rapidly and constitues what is known as mrcelium. From it, branches are sent out which, either directly or indirectly, produce minute reproductive cells called spores. Like the seeds of the higher plants, these serve the double purpose of multiplying and perpetuating the species. Many fungi produce two kinds of spores the one for quickly spreading its growth, the other, a resting spore, able to withstand extremes of climate, for tiding over periods unfavourable to the growth of the parent. Most
spores are very small and are easily carried by the wind, as they float in large numbers in the air. Owing to this, the diseases caused by fungi spread very easily.

One of the simplest fungi is the Yeast plant (Sacharomyces). It possesses no mycelium, consisting s:mply of a single, oval cell. Spores are seldom, if, ever, formed. It re; $\%$ duce; itself by bud ling, $i$. e. by bulging out at some point till the ;):otuberance resemble; the parert cell and is separated trom it by a wall. Tor study its growt's a microscope magnifying 400 to 600 diameters and an artificially heated slide are necessary. It lives on materials containing grape sugar and has the power of splitting the latter into carbonic acid and alcohol. The manufacturer of beer is largely dependent on this lower form of life, for it transforms the sugar produced from the starch by the sprouting or malting of barley into the alcohol found in beer. But it does not assist man only in the manufacture of beer, wine, cider and other alcoholic beverages or the products, like vinegar, derived fron the same: but performs an almost equally imporiant role in the productio.i of "the staff of life." The yeast growing in the dough gives rise to successive little bubbles of carbonic acid gas which retained by the latter till baked causes the rising of the dush a did the proluction of a light and more easily digested bread.

A more typical fungus, the various stages of which are shown in some of the microscopes before you, is the one producin's the disease known as "Rust" on the various grains and grasses. This disease, most prevalent in wet seasons on heavily manured soi's, is generally first noticed by the appearance of reddish-brown spots on the leaves and stems of cereals, which rapidly multiply till the grain ripens. These spots consist of lonsly attached, unicellular, eval, somewhat spiny, reddish-brown spores, which carried by the wind, birds or insects to other places, quickly germinate, producing a mass of mycelium and in turn another ctop of similar spores. These successive srops of urcio spores, as they are called, continue to be produced till the nutriment in the straw lesjened by the ripening of the grain and the growth of the fungus is not sufficient to support a vigorous growth of the latter. The parasite then terminates its growth for the season by the production of a somewhat larger, dark brown, two-celled resting spore seen on the
straw during winter in the form of dark, linear patches: such as you will find on this sample of straw. Germinating in spring both of the cells may produce short filaments bearing on the points of its several branches small gobular cells known as sporidia, easily transported by the wind when detached. Shortly after the leaves of the Barberries have expanded thickened patches, dotted with minute yellow spots, may frequently be seen on them. The yellow spots are clusters of a large number of spores gathered together as chains in cup shaped masses and embedded in the diseased, thickened tissues of the leaf through which the mycelium passes in every direction. These spores produced on the barberry leaf may, after being brought in contact with growing grain or grasses, again produce the red rust. I his fungus absorbing the nutriment in the stem and leaves of the grain which would otherwise be stored in the seed, causes the latter, instead of being entirely filled to present a more or less small and shrivelled appearance reducing it sometimes very materially, in weignt and quality.

In order to check the development or spread of injurious fungi it is important to know ai much about their methods of growth and reproduction as possible. Even the knowledge that a disease is caused by a fungus may be of great value in itself, as this would make us careful to destroy or disinfect, as much as possible such materials on which these organisms might be growing. The thickenings sometimes seen on plum or cherry trees, known as "Black Knot" (caused by a fungus) should therefore not only be cut off but burned. The knowledge that the fungoid growth appearing on the leaves of the potato vines causes later on the rot of the tuber, enables us to fight this enemy before the potatoes are taken out of the ground. Much loss has also been prevented by the discovery that the disease on grains known as Smut, produced by the spores clinging to the seod grain can be overcome by soaking the grain before sowing, in a solution of copper sulphate.

The pleasure to be derived from the study of this group of plants is, therefore, not confined to seeing the beauty and harmony of nature but may be materially enhanced by discovering something of value to the human family. Many of those who use the microscope for recreation or amusement will doublless find this a study well worth while pursuing.

## ON THE SEQUENCE OF STRATA FORMING THE QUEBEC GROUP OF LOGAN AND BILLINGS, WITH REMARKS ON THE FUSSIL, REMAINS FOUND THEREIN.

By Henrv M. Ami, M.A., F.G.S., \&c., of the Geological Survey.<br>(Presented to the Royal Society of Canala by Dr. G. MI. Dawson, F.R.S. \&̌c., May, I89I.)

(Abstract.)
The paper dealt with the Geological facts and grounds upon which the Quebcc group rested and made it a necessary term in the geological nomenclature of strata in North America, but especially in the Province of Quebec.

The grounds, upon which the separation of the various terranes constituting this natural group was based, as well as the faunal and fhysical relations of its different members, were pointed out, showing the validity of the existence of such a series of fossiliferous sedimentary strata as that which Sir William Logan had recognized and Mr. Billings so clearly demonstrated early in the "sixties."

The removal of the so-called Hudson River black graptolitic series of shales, etc., which are met with at Quebec City, at the west end of the Island of Orleans, along the Marsouin River, and at many other places in the Prevince of Quebec-at Norman's Kiln, in the State of New York, and in Penobscot County, Maine, and other places in the United States-from an uppermost position in the Ordovician Systemimmediately above the Utica, or just below the base of the Silurian System-was absolutely necessary in the light of facts whether palæontological or stratigraphical or in the light of other physical reasons.

The characteristics of this so-called "Hudson River" series of rocks, when studied in the field as well as in closer detail, point clearly to its intimate relation and association with the "Levis" of Sir William Logan's Quebec group. The Levis and the Quebec formations or terranes along with the Sillery, form a group of terranes geologically and geographically closely related, which can be divided and sub-divided
in many instances into definite zones or horizons and smaller subdivisions, all of which were deposited under peculiar conditions such as characterised the lower half of the Ordovician (Cambro-Silurian) Epoch in geology.

It will thus a:pear that the rocks constituting the Quebec terrane (which term ha; been used and is bsing adopted by many American geologists as a proper one with which to designate these so-called "Hudson River" rocks) form part and parcel of the original "Quebec Group" of L.ogan.

The paper went on to refer to the faunas entom' ed in each of these three divisions, care being taken to exclude from the list of characteristic species -such forms as were not iound in situ or from the rocks proper of each series-whether from loose pieces or from conglomerates or conglomerate like band, in order that the possibilities of error in cerrelation as well as in palamontologicai or faunal defferentiation might be lesitned in the problem which like the present one affords such diversity of relations and complicated terms.

The paper is, in fact, a sequel to the writer's contribution read before the (Geological Society of America at Washington, last December and published since. (See Bulletin of the Geolosical Society of America, Vol. II., pp. 477-502, plate 20. 189r.) Whilst the latter dealt more particularly with the resion about Quebec City-the present one referred to the relations and characteristucs of the Quebec Group of Logan and Billings throughout the whole ex:ent of the Province of Quebec and contiguous districts, upon which to base the proofs for the validity and actual existence of such a group or series of terranes in that portion of North America. The equivalency of the term "Canadian Period," or "Canadian Epoch," as used by Prof. James D. Dana and others, is also adduced as further evidence, corroborative of the magnificent work performed by Sir William Logan in elucidating the complex structure of the Province of Quebec-which work with the exception of Sir William Dawson, in several papers and reportsfound scarcely any advocate, whilst its factors are based upon principles and data which are as durable as the rocks from which they proceed or with which they are related.

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The above table is given to indicate the relations of the various members of the Ordovician (Cambro-Silurian) System in Canada showing the position of the "Quebs Terrane" in the lower half of the system instead of being classed or group:d alons with the Hudson River (=Lorraine) terrane at the very top of the system as formerly. The exac: relations, stratigraphical and paleontological, which exist b.tween the Quebec, Levis and Sillery terranes have yet to be defined. Their sequence and order in the scale of time require further investigations before this interesting fact can be ascertained on which Sir Wm. Logan and Mr. B.llings were stlll actively engaged when called away.


## NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS.

A form for registering observations of the first and last records in Natural History has just been issued by the Royal Society of Canada. This form has been drawn up by a committee of the Royal Society and distributed to the different Natural History and Scientific Sucieties throughout the country. Observations are asked for upon certain wellknown wild plants in all the Provinces of the Dominion, the time of sowing and harvesting grain and the ripening of wild and cultivated fruits. Then follow the arrivals and departures of birds and the most noticeable meteorological occurrences.

There is no doubt that the Royal Society will gather together by this means most valuable information. It is proposed to have the schedules collected once a year and the results laid before the Royal Society for publication in their annual Volume of Transactions.

## OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the death, on 23 rd ult., at Cap Rouge, near Quebec, of the Abbe Léon Provancher, F.R.S.C., a noted Canadian Naturalist, and one of the corresponding members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. For many years the Abbé had devoted almost his whole time to the study of the natural history ot Canada (especially of the Province of Quebec) and to the publication of the results of his labours. In 869 he began to issue the "Naturaliste Canadien," the last volume of which, No. XX, was completed in 189r. He also wrote a Flora of Canada, three volumes upon portions of the Insect fauna, a treatise upon the Univalve M Mlliscs, and several other works. Of the above the most important is the Faune Entomologique, in which are described many new species of insects captured at Ottawa. The types of many of these, and of the other species described by the Abbé, remain in his collection, and we sincerely hope that arrangements will be made by which this collection, which has a special value from that fact, may be deposited in some public institution and may not be either broken up and distributed, or even neglected until destroyed by insects. The Abbé, Provancher was born at Becancour, Que., in 1820, and before residing at Cap Rouge was for some years Curé of Portneuf.

## EXCURSION No. I.-TO KIRK'S FERRY.

The first excursion of the season will be held on Saturday, June $4^{\text {th, to Kirk's Ferry. The excursionists will leave the Unior Depot by }}$ the Gatineau Valley Railway at $9.45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., punctuall; and will be back in Ottawa at 7.30 p.m. This will give the party from 10.45 in the morning until 6.30 in the evening for collecting in this beautiful locality. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of members of the Club and their friends. The Railway Company have promised ample accomodation, and tickets may be obtained at the railway station or previously of any member of the Council, at the following rates :-

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## Canadian Mining Regulations．

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