

laboratory from September 3 to 29 and oviposited on sunflower heads. The average life cycle is a month. No data has been secured on overwintering.

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## NEWS AND VIEWS

### NEW SECTIONS IN CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST.

Entomologists, in common with other human beings, have experienced their periods of trial and discouragement during the past few years. One form of discouragement has been the increasingly difficult task of publishing scientific articles, due to restricted space in many journals which has been caused by financial stringency. The difficulty of publication has become so directly proportional to the size of the article that it has reached the point where the outlook for an author with work of monographic proportions is distinctly disheartening. To say the least, this is very unfortunate and it might well be that more financial support from outside sources to scientific journals would surely yield generous returns in proportion to the outlay.

When a scientific paper is accepted for publication it is often about a year before it appears in print. This tends to greatly lengthen the period between the time that a piece of work is completed and the actual presentation of the results to the public. Part of this difficulty, however, may be overcome by the publication of short advance notes on new findings. When these are presented in the form of short items prompt publication can sometimes be assured. It is hoped that the Canadian Entomologist may now be able to be of some service in this regard. Brevity is a natural essential. Short notes on any new technique developed or notes on new findings or observations in entomological research work will now be given consideration by the editors. These items will be carried under the heading of "Research Notes."

It is felt that constructive discussions on scientific topics have a place in a science periodical of this kind. It is also desirable that we know the place and dates of meetings of scientific societies and any news of general interest to entomologists. In the latter regard, however, the fact that Mr. Dodo visited Aukville but returned without definite accomplishments might have its proper place provided in the social column of the daily newspapers. If, on the other hand, the aforementioned gentleman made some noteworthy observation or contribution during the course of his temporary geographical displacement the matter then becomes of immediate interest to his fellow scientists and thus well worthy of record. Short contributions to scientific discussions and interesting news items will be welcomed. These will be published under the heading of "News and Views."

A scientific journal should necessarily aim to raise rather than lower its scientific status. There is no intention, nor necessity, of lowering that standard in the present case but rather there is the expression of a desire that the 'Canadian Entomologist' should endeavor to embrace matters of somewhat wider interest than hitherto and thereby, it is hoped, increase its usefulness.

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