



The specimens agree in every detail with those collected in Germany by E. M. Walker (specimens contained in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology and Palaeontology).

We also wish to report the occurrence of *Psinidia fenestralis* (Serville) in Berthier, Quebec. One male specimen was collected by J. R. Beaudry and A. Robert on August 4, 1951. The occurrence of this particular species in Quebec was previously recorded by J. R. Beaudry⁵.

One specimen of *R. roeselii* will be retained in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology and Palaeontology, and six specimens will be retained in the collection of the Institut de Biologie of the Université de Montréal.

The specimen of *P. fenestralis* is in the collection of the Institut de Biologie of the Université de Montréal.

BROTHER JOSEPH OUELLET, C.S.V.

1869-1952

The death of Brother Joseph Ouellet, C.S.V. occurred in Montreal on January 9th, 1952 in his eighty-third year. The passing of this kindly and generous-hearted man and life-long student of insects should not be allowed to go unrecorded in the pages of this journal which was born a scant few months earlier than he. For the following brief details of his career I have relied partly on the excellent Memoir by Brother Adrien Robert, C.S.V., published in the March 1952 number of "Sciences et Aventures".

Joseph Ouellet was born at Levis in 1869. He completed his formal education in 1884, and was admitted to the Brotherhood of "Clercs de Saint-Viateur", commencing at once the teaching which was to be his life-long profession. He early developed an absorbing interest in natural history and spent his vacations roaming the countryside, collecting, at first, plants and insects, but later concentrating his energies on Entomology.

He was a contemporary collector, at Levis, with the celebrated Dr. Fyles, but, once launched in his career, his visits to his home were probably of short duration, and it is not recorded that they ever met.

As time went on, his knowledge of the Quebec insect fauna became unrivalled and, on the formation of the Entomology Department of the Université de Montréal in 1931, he was obliged—much against his will, for he shunned the limelight—to assume the chair of Systematic Entomology. To this position he

brought the lustre of a perceptive and well-trained mind and the energy of a man of half his years. He served the University actively for 10 years and, after his retirement, continued to enrich its collections with the fruits of his summer excursions, for he remained an indefatigable collector to the last year of his life.

Brother Ouellet was exceptionally meticulous in his curatorial work. His specimens were beautifully mounted and, for this reason, leading specialists everywhere were glad to identify material for him and to exchange specimens. To improve the appearance or utility of his material no task was too tedious. Having decided that his labels, printed in 10-point type, were too large, he proceeded to relabel the entire collection, then about 30,000 specimens, using 6-point type. Future students will benefit from his habit of placing an identification label with the name of the determiner on each specimen. He was not a prolific writer and in a period of forty years I can find only eleven papers, all published in "Le Naturaliste Canadien". His later writings show a preference for the order Diptera.

In 1941 he discovered and described the rare and beautiful larvaevorid fly *Archytas currani* Ouell., but most unluckily, Reinhard had described the same species as *Exopalpus pompalis* Rnh. only a few months earlier. His collection contains other unique Canadian records too numerous to mention.

Brother Ouellet was of slight stature and scholarly appearance. His outstanding personal characteristics were his gentleness of manner, evident humility and perfect courtesy.

I shall not forget our first meeting, when I visited him to ask for the loan of some material for a thesis. Having conducted me to his room and showed me the cabinet that housed his collection, he explained that he would have to return to his classroom duties and, spreading out his arms in a large French gesture, he asked me, if I would please help myself to whatever I needed. He then excused himself and left me.

He was held in great affection and respect by both pupils and colleagues and, in recognition of his services, the Conseil de l'Instruction Publique, in 1930, awarded him its "Ordre du mérite scolaire". With his passing Canada has lost an outstanding naturalist. Fortunately his collection will be well cared for. It will be housed in the Museum of the Institution des Sourds-Muets in Montreal, where he did so much of his teaching. Brother Adrien Robert, C.S.V. has been appointed its curator and enquiries should be addressed to him at 480, Querbes, Outremont, Montreal 8, Que. G. E. SHEWELL.