

condition of the type. The limited time at our disposal made it impossible to attempt to secure full notes on any but the groups in which we were especially interested.

This paper is only a list of the species described by Provancher with the location, condition and designation of the type specimens, and is submitted at this time in order to establish definite premises on which to work and thus make it possible to publish in the future, systematic notes on the species with assurance that other workers will be able to use our remarks and find the same specimens we examined.

The only previous comprehensive study of the Provancher collections was made by Mr. G. C. Davis, who has published the results of his study in two reports†. Davis, however, confined himself entirely to the Ichneumonidæ. The conclusions reached by him regarding the species, in the main, agree with our own, but in a number of instances do not coincide with ours. Davis made no attempt to establish lectotypes for the species, and, therefore, it was often impossible for us to determine on what specimen he based his conclusion.

Provancher's Life and Work.

Practically the first Canadian and in fact one of the first Americans to make a serious and comprehensive study of the Hymenoptera of Canada was Abbé Léon Provancher. Abbé Provancher was a French Canadian who was born, brought up and spent most of his life in the Province of Quebec. He died in 1892, and brief accounts of his life and work were afterward published in a number of journals.* Some years later Abbé Huard began a more extended biography which appeared in various issues of *Le Naturaliste Canadien*,** a magazine founded and edited, until shortly before his death, by Provancher. Since Provancher

†Some notes from a Study of the Provancher Collection of Ichneumonidæ, 1894, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sc. Phil., pp. 184-190.

Review of a few more Provancher types of Ichneumonidæ, 1895, Can. Ent., pp. 287-290.

*See especially Can. Ent., Vol. 24, 1892, pp. 130-131, and Entom. News, Vol. 6; 1895, p. 209, pl. IX.

**This interesting account has never been completed, but Abbé Huard told us it was his intention to complete it and we certainly hope he finds an opportunity to do so. For the parts published, see Nat. Can., 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.