

miles from South America, and 1,200 miles from Africa. The Island differs in several respects from those discussed above, in that it is well populated and is visited more regularly by shipping. Indeed, it has at times been a major port-of-call for trade between Europe, and South Africa and India. The ants listed below have probably all been introduced to the island by man. They were collected for the Museum of Comparative Zoology between 1958 and 1960 by Mr. Arthur Loveridge. The collection is probably less representative than those already discussed, so that no faunal analysis can be attempted at present.

Tetramorium simillimum (Fr. Smith)

The distribution of this species has been discussed above. One series collected at Varneys.

Pheidole megacephala (Fabricius)

This is one of the most widespread and notorious of the commercial tramp ant species, it is now virtually cosmopolitan in warm humid areas. Sandy Bay: under rocks. Prosperous Bay: nest with alates, under rocks, February 24, 1958. Varneys: alate males from a storeroom cabinet, February 19, 1960.

Solenopsis (Diplorhoptrum) sp.

The subgenus *Diplorhoptrum* includes a number of taxonomically confused, and in some cases widespread, cryptobiotic species, several of which appear to be commercial tramps. A single series labeled Varneys, 1000 feet.

Plagiolepis alluaudi Forel

This species, probably of East African origin, is a widespread pantropical tramp species. A single series from Varneys.

Paratrechina bourbonica Forel

A widespread pantropical tramp species, apparently of African origin. A single series from Varneys.

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