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A Solpugid in British Columbia

A couple of specimens of this near relative of spiders were given me some years ago by a student from southern Alberta. In these animals the head is distinct from the rest of the body and their classification depends upon the teeth in the upper part of the mandibles of the males. On February 14, 1958, Mr. W. Preston, R.R. No. 1, Oliver, in the South of the Okanagan Valley, brought me a solpugid which he had collected in June 1956 near an irrigation ditch. It is a female and so cannot be classified. I think this is the second record of a solpugid being taken in British Columbia. Mr. Jim Grant of Vernon, informed me that Dr. Kurata of the Royal Ontario Museum had reported them some years ago.

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