

nature of the etiological evidence of tick paralysis, it will be seen that the fundamental mechanism of this disease is most intricate and perplexing.

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The Weevil *Auletobius congruus* (Walker) a Pest of Strawberries

In May, 1940, Mr. C. R. Barlow, Provincial District Field Inspector, drew my attention to serious damage being done to a strawberry patch at Salmon Arm, by a small dark weevil. Specimens of this insect were sent to Mr. W. J. Brown, of the Division of Systematic Entomology at Ottawa, who identified them as *Auletobius congruus* (Walker).

An examination of the patch on May 18 showed some damage over about four acres; on half an acre about 35% of the blossoms were destroyed. The weevils were seen to cut into the base of the blossoms, causing the flowers to wilt and die.

The owner of the patch had never seen this beetle on his strawberry plants before and it has not appeared since. Examination of the available literature shows no refer-

ence to this weevil as a strawberry pest, and its sudden appearance in injurious numbers in 1940 may be of interest. Professor G. J. Spencer has found adults feeding on the flowers of a native buttercup, *Ranunculus* sp., on the hills near Aspen Grove, B.C.—E. R. Buckell, Field Crop Insect Laboratory, Kamloops, B.C.

CULICOIDES GIGAS R. & H. AT VERNON, B.C. (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). This species was recorded from the Kamloops district by Curtis (1941. Ent. Soc. Brit. Col., Proc. 37:19). At dusk on May 7, 1942, the flies were common at a small pond on the hill above Goose Lake, and adjacent to Gartrell's mine. They settled on the neck and arms, but did not bite. Specimens were identified by Mr. A. R. Brooks of the Division of Entomology at Ottawa.—Hugh B. Leech.