

SURFACE PLANKTON PROTOZOA FROM LAKE ERIE IN THE PUT-IN-BAY REGION.

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INTRODUCTION.

The observations recorded in the present paper were made during the summer of 1920, from July 7th to August 1st, at the Lake Laboratory, maintained at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, by Ohio State University. The writer is indebted to Dr. F. H. Kreeker for help in selecting and procuring collecting apparatus and to Dr. R. C. Osburn for helpful encouragement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTING STATIONS.

Collections were made (1) from the open lake, (2) from Put-in-Bay, in the vicinity of the United States Bureau of Fisheries buildings, from July 7th until July 22 only, and (3) from Terwilliger's Pond throughout the period of study.

In the open lake, the bottom mud was hard. Larger vegetation was absent. The algæ, *Pediastrum*, *Tabellaria* and *Asterionella* were plentiful. Diatoms also occurred in large numbers.

Where collections were made from Fishery Bay, as the second station will be termed, the water was about eight feet deep. The bottom mud was hard. The same algæ and diatoms were present as in the open lake. During the first part of July, the larger vegetation was lacking, but toward the end of the month, a great quantity of eel grass and a small quantity of *Myriophyllum* were present near the Bureau of Fisheries docks.

Terwilliger's Pond is about 100 yards long by 75 yards wide. The average depth is two feet. The bottom was covered with soft mud. *Myriophyllum* and eel grass were abundant.

The former reached the surface in a number of places during the latter part of July. The shore sloped gradually and there were many floating tree trunks in the water and along its edge. The pond was well lighted throughout the day. It was well protected from the wind because the surrounding land was considerably higher and covered with trees. Even when Fishery Bay and the lake were rough, the surface of Terwilliger's Pond was only slightly disturbed.

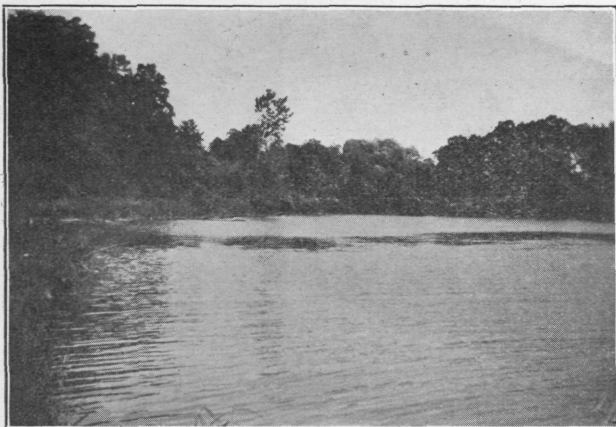


FIG. 1—Terwilliger's Pond

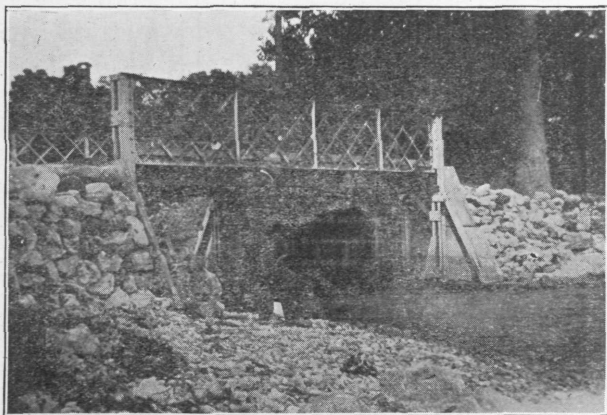


FIG. 2—Entrance to Terwilliger's Pond

At one end, Terwilliger's Pond is connected with Fishery Bay by a channel about fifteen feet wide. The current in this channel reversed every eight to fourteen minutes. These intervals were of longer duration when a large boat came into the bay.

Water snakes, turtles and fish were plentiful in the pond.



FIG. 3—Fishery Bay

TABLE I.

Shows the Transparency and Temperature Variations of the Three Stations.

	TEMPERATURE	TRANSPARENCY
Open lake.....	22—24 degrees	3 ft.—3 ft. 6 in.
Fishery Bay.....	22—25 degrees	2 ft.—3 ft. 6 in.
Terwilliger's.....	20—28 degrees	9 in.—17 in.

PLANKTON.

The Protozoa found in the plankton may be separated into two groups; namely, (a) those forms which are large enough to be captured readily with a regular plankton net whose straining surface is made of bolting cloth, and (b) those forms which are so small that they readily pass through the meshes of this bolting cloth. The former constitutes the net plankton and the latter is called the nannoplankton.

Net Plankton Methods.

Identifications were made from the living material only. Twenty-four gallons (approximately one cubic meter) of water from the upper foot, were poured through a silk plankton net and the Protozoa in this amount of tow were counted as follows: one drop of tow was found to be equal to one-tenth of a cubic centimeter. The Protozoa were enumerated by placing a drop (one tenth cubic centimeter) of tow on a slide and, by means of a mechanical stage and compound microscope, the organisms present were counted. This number multiplied by ten gave the equal of one cubic centimeter and this number multiplied by the number of cubic centimeters of tow gave the approximate number of organisms per cubic meter of water.

Nannoplankton Methods.

To determine the number of nannoplankton Protozoa, one-half gallon of the water which had passed through the plankton net, was filtered through hard surface filter paper. The filtered organisms were carefully washed from the paper, the volume of the wash water containing the organisms was taken, and the samples of it were then used for enumeration. Even with the best quality of hard surface filter paper, many individuals must have become embedded in the meshes so firmly that they could not be washed out. The method of counting was the same as that used for the net plankton.

The filter method was a very slow one. Two hours were required to filter one-half gallon of water.

List of Surface Plankton Protozoa.

The forms observed during the brief period of study numbered 66. The greatest number, 59, was listed from Terwilliger's Pond; 23 forms came from Fishery Bay and 18 forms from the open lake.

The Protozoa were distributed as follows among the groups: 27 flagellates, 25 ciliates and 14 rhizopods.

Juday (1921) called attention to the fact that the quantity of plankton is not so large per unit of surface in the shallower water as it is in the deeper water, but the larger bottom population in the former region tends to counterbalance the deficiency when the question of the total production is consid-

ered. The writer did not find this to be so in the case of surface plankton Protozoa. The number of forms from the surface of the shallow pond, Terwilliger's, outnumbered those in Fishery Bay by 36 and those in the open lake by 41. One exception may be cited. The rhizopod, *Diffugia lobostoma* Ehr., was more numerous in surface plankton catches from the open lake and Fishery Bay than it was in the pond.

Rhizopoda.

Actinophrys sol.
Ameboid forms.
Arcella vulgaris.
Centropyxis aculeata.
Cyphoderia ampulla.
Diffugia acuminata.
Diffugia corona.
Diffugia lobostoma.
Diffugia lucida.
Diffugia pyriformis.
Euglypha ciliata.
Heterophrys (?).
Heterophrys myriapoda.
Raphidiophrys viridis.

Mastigophora.

Anthophysa vegetans.
Ceratium longicorne.
Cryptomonas ovata.
Dinobryon sertularia.
Distigma proteus.
Eudorina elegans.
Euglena spp.
Euglena (sp?).
Euglena acus.
Euglena deses.
Euglena spirogyra.
Euglena viridis.
Gonium pectorale.
Pandorina morum.
Peranema trichophora.
Peridinium (sp?).
Peridinium tabulatum.
Phacus longicaudus.

Phacus pyrum.
Phacus triqueter.
Platydorina caudata.
Trachelomonas acuminata.
Trachelomonas armata.
Trachelomonas caudata.
Trachelomonas hispida.
Trachelomonas volvocina.
Volvox aureus.

Ciliata.

Amphileptus anser.
Aspidisca costata.
Blepharisma musculus.
Cinetochilum margaritaceum.
Codonellacratera.
Coleps hirtus.
Colpoda (sp?).
Cyclidium glaucoma.
Dileptus gigus.
Frontonia (sp?).
Frontonia acuminata.
Glaucoma scintillans.
Halteria grandinella.
Holophyra lieberkuhnii.
Loxodes rostrum.
Oxytricha (sp?).
Pleurotricha grandis.
Prorodon armatus.
Rhabdostyla sphaeroides.
Stentor caeruleus.
Trachelius ovum.
Uroleptus piscis.
Vorticella (sp?).
Vorticella brevistyla.
Vorticella microscopica.

RHIZOPODA.

1. *Actinophrys sol* Ehr. Terwilliger's pond. This pond was plentiful in only two tows, one made at night and the other at 9 o'clock in the morning.

2. Ameboid forms were abundant in the open lake and Fishery Bay between July 8 and 16. During the entire month, they occurred spasmodically in very large numbers in the pond. The largest numbers were present in the filter paper catches.

3. *Arcella vulgaris* Ehr. An occasional individual was seen in water from the open lake and Fishery Bay. Small numbers were taken in Terwilliger's pond throughout the latter part of July.

4. *Centropyxis aculeata* Stein. Only a very few were taken at different times at each of the three collecting stations.

5. *Cyphoderia ampulla* Leidy. One individual was identified from Fishery Bay.

6. *Diffugia acuminata* Ehr. One occurred occasionally in Fishery Bay and Terwilliger's Pond.

7. *Diffugia corona* Wallich. This form occurred in small numbers in one collection from the open lake and at almost the same time in one catch in Fishery Bay. It occurred regularly in small numbers in Terwilliger's Pond throughout the period of study.

8. *Diffugia lobostoma* Ehr. Occurred regularly throughout the period of study in considerable numbers from all three stations. The numbers of this species taken from Terwilliger's Pond were somewhat greater than from the other two stations. The most individuals occurred in filter paper catches. Many were seen to conjugate. One of the individuals extruded protoplasm, a large mass of it containing much water. The protoplasm after remaining relatively motionless for a time, became active.

9. *Diffugia lucida* Penard. Plentiful in two tows made in succession at six o'clock in the afternoon and at four o'clock in the morning. Most of them were found in the filter paper catch.

10. *Diffugia pyriformis* Perty. A very few were taken in one tow from Terwilliger's Pond.

11. *Euglypha ciliata* Ehr. Two individuals were recorded from Terwilliger's Pond.

12. *Heterophrys* (?). Numerous in one net tow from Fishery Bay.

13. *Heterophrys myriapoda* Archer. One was taken in a collection made under the bridge connecting Terwilliger's Pond with Fishery Bay.

14. *Raphididiophrys viridis* Archer. One taken in Fishery Bay.

MASTIGOPHORA.

15. *Anthophysa vegetans* Muller. Numerous in filter paper catches from Terwilliger's Pond.

16. *Ceratium longicorne* Perty. A considerable number in one tow from the open lake. A few individuals in each of three collections from Fishery Bay. An occasional one from Terwilliger's Pond.

17. *Cryptomonas ovata* Ehr. Numerous in one filter paper catch from Terwilliger's Pond. A few others in another catch from the same station.

18. *Dinobryon sertularia* Ehr. A very few in one tow from the open lake. Somewhat more numerous in scattered collections from Terwilliger's Pond.

19. *Distigma proteus* Ehr. One from Terwilliger's Pond.

Eudorina elegans Ehr. Common in all collections from Fishery Bay and the open lake. Abundant at all times from Terwilliger's Pond, but increasing in numbers greatly toward the latter part of July. The greatest number occurred in filter paper catches.

Euglena spp. A few in one tow from Fishery Bay. Very abundant throughout the period of study in Terwilliger's Pond.

Euglena sp (?). A few in one tow from the open lake. Abundant in filter paper collections, fewer numbers in the silk net, in all tows made throughout the period of study.

Euglena acus Ehr. Only a few individuals in scattered collections from Terwilliger's Pond. None recorded during the last few days in July.

Euglena deses Ehr. One specimen from Terwilliger's Pond.

Euglena spirogyra Ehr. One specimen from Fishery Bay. One from the open lake. Frequent in several tows from Terwilliger's Pond.

Euglena viridis Ehr. Frequent in scattered tows from Terwilliger's Pond.

Gonium pectorale Mull. Four colonies recorded from Terwilliger's Pond.

Pandorina morum Bory. Very frequent in two tows made in the open lake and Fishery Bay. Moderately abundant during the first part of July in Terwilliger's Pond. Exceedingly abundant in the same place during the latter part of July. In tows made on July 16, 24 and 26, a very large number of young colonies was noted, after which, the number of this species reached its height on July 27. Young colonies occurred frequently in one tow from Fishery Bay.

Peranema trichophorum Ehr. One specimen from Terwilliger's Pond.

Peridinium sp. (?). Numerous once in surface tow from Terwilliger's Pond on July 28.

Peridinium tabulatum Ehr. An occasional one from the open lake and Fishery Bay. Frequent irregularly during the latter part of July in Terwilliger's Pond.

Phacus longicaudus Ehr. Frequent in two filter paper catches from Terwilliger's Pond.

Phacus pyrum Ehr. Frequent irregularly in Terwilliger's Pond during the first part of July.

Phacus triqueter Ehr. Frequent in Terwilliger's Pond during the latter part of July.

Platydorina caudata Kofoid. A few colonies in all tows from Terwilliger's Pond during the latter part of July.

Trachelomonas acuminata Schmarda. One specimen from Fishery Bay. Numerous in nearly all of the tows from Terwilliger's Pond, increasing greatly in numbers during the latter part of July.

Trachelomonas armata Ehr. A few in three filter paper catches from Terwilliger's Pond.

- Trachelomonas caudata* Ehr. Three from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Trachelomonas hispida* Stein. A very few in two tows from Fishery Bay. Abundant during the first part of July in filter paper catches and increasing in numbers past the middle of the month. Decreasing somewhat in number toward the end of July.
- Trachelomonas volvocina* Ehr. Numerous in two filter paper catches from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Volvox aureus* Ehr. One colony from the open lake. Numerous colonies throughout the period of study in Terwilliger's Pond. Most of them were taken in the silk net.

CILIATA.

- Amphileptus anser* Ehr. One specimen taken in Terwilliger's Pond.
- Aspidisca costata* (Duj). Several in a few tows from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Blepharisma musculus* Ehr. Synonymous with *Uroleptus musculus* Ehr. of Butschli. A few scattered ones from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Cinetochilum margaritaceum* (Ehr.) Three recorded from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Codonella cratera* (Leidy). A few from the open lake during the first two weeks of July. More numerous in tows from Fishery Bay, mostly in filter paper catches. Abundant in Terwilliger's Pond collections. Considerably more numerous in the tows made at night.
- Coleps hirtus* Ehr. Few in the silk net and numerous in filter paper catches from Terwilliger's Pond. This form occurred more or less spasmodically.
- Colpoda* sp. (?). Frequent in one tow made in the first part of July in Terwilliger's Pond. An occasional individual after that and frequent again during the latter part of July.
- Cyclidium glaucoma* Ehr. Two from the open lake. Numerous in one filter paper catch from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Dileptus gigus* C. & L. One from Fishery Bay. One in a night tow from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Frontonia* sp. (?). A few specimens in a filter paper catch from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Frontonia acuminata* Ehr. A few in one tow from Terwilliger's Pond.
- Glaucoma scintillans* Ehr. A few in two tows from the open lake. More frequent in Fishery Bay.
- Halteria grandinella* O. F. Mull. An occasional individual in Terwilliger's Pond until the latter part of July, when the filter paper catches contained a few more.
- Holophrya lieberkuhnii*. A few in one Terwilliger's Pond tow.
- Loxodes rostrum* Ehr. Numerous individuals in one filter paper catch made at night from Terwilliger's Pond, during the first part of July. No more were seen again until the latter part of July when a few were noted from the same place in a night tow.

Oxytricha sp (?). Conn. A few occurred in two collections from Terwilliger's Pond.

Pleurotricha grandis Stein. One specimen in a night tow from Terwilliger's Pond.

Prorodon armatus C. & L. One specimen from Terwilliger's Pond.

Rhabdostyla sphaeroides From. One was taken in a tow from Fishery Bay.

Stentor caeruleus Ehr. Frequent in one tow from Fishery Bay.

Trachelius ovum Ehr. A few specimens from Terwilliger's Pond.

Vorticella sp (?). An occasional specimen in night tows from Terwilliger's Pond.

Vorticella brevistyla D'Udk. One from the open lake.

Vorticella convallaria Linn., (Kent). A single specimen was recorded from Terwilliger's Pond.

Vorticella microscopica From. A single specimen occurred in a night tow made in Terwilliger's Pond.

PLANKTON TABLES.

FISHERY BAY Surface Plankton Protozoa Numbers are per cubic meter	Sky black, water very rough.		Sky clear, water calm, slight breeze.		Bright sunlight, water rippled. Preceding day, heavy rainstorm.		Bright sunlight. Preceding day very rough.		Heavy clouds. Water rough. Much rain preceding day.		Bright sun- light, water rippled. Preceding day calm.	
	Transp. 3' 5" Temp. 22°		Temp. 24°		Transp. 3' 5" Temp. 24°		Transp. 3' 6" Temp. 24°		Transp. 2' Temp. 22°		Transp. 3' Temp. 24°	
	July 7 9 A. M.		July 12 11 P. M.		July 15 9 A. M.		July 16 4 P. M.		July 19 11 A. M.		July 21 11 A. M.	
	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper
Ameboid forms, minute.....	324000	825600	1200	24000	13200	10200	2040					
Arcella vulgaris Ehr.....									1			
Centropixis aculeata Stein.....	30											
Cyphoderia ampulla Leidy.....									1			
Diffugia acuminata Ehr.....			1									11520
Diffugia corona Wallich.....							120					1
Diffugia lobostoma Ehr.....	1020	2400	10200	25000	3190		13080		2600	14400	1430	8000
Euglypha ciliata Ehr.....									1			
Heterophrys (?) developmental forms(?).....							120960					
Raphidiophrys viridis Archer.....									1			
Ceratium longicorne Perty.....		1	100	100							720	
Eudorina elegans Ehr.....		2400	500	1000	110		1560					3840
Euglena spp.....	60	19200										1
Euglena spirogyra Ehr.....												1
Pandorina morum Bory.....				9600			2040*				110	19200
Peridinium tabulatum Ehr.....			2									
Trachelomonas acuminata Schmarda.....												1
Trachelomonas hispida Stein.....											110	
Codonella cratera Leidy.....	60	9600	700	19200	110		120				330	
Dileptus gigas C. & L.....												
Glaucoma scintillans Ehr.....	360	4800	500	52800			600					
Rhabdostyla sphaeroides From.....			1									
Stentor caeruleus Ehr.....									200			

* Young colonies

PLANKTON TABLES—Continued.

TERWILLIGER'S POND Surface Plankton Protozoa Numbers per cubic meter	Sky black, water very rough.		Sky clear, water calm.		Bright sun- light, water disturbed by a stiff breeze.		Bright sun- light, water calm.		Sky clouded, preceding day stormy with heavy rains. Water full of silt and disturbed slightly.	
	Transp. 15.5" Temp. 22.5°		Temp. 26°		Transp. 9" Temp. 25°		Transp. 10" Temp. 25°		Transp. 9" Temp. 22°	
	July 8 9 A. M.		July 12 10 P. M.		July 15 9 A. M.		July 16 4 P. M.		July 19 11 A. M.	
	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper
<i>Actinophrys sol</i> Ehr.	12000	1300000			235	10000				
Ameboid forms, minute.									280	1
<i>Arcella vulgaris</i> Ehr.	33									
<i>Centropyxis aculeata</i> Stein.										
<i>Diffugia acuminata</i> Ehr.			200		1		240		280	
<i>Diffugia corona</i> Wallich.				14400						
<i>Diffugia lobostoma</i> Ehr.	1100	2600	1700		2492	25000	23040	6000	4060	19400
<i>Diffugia lucida</i> Penard.										
<i>Diffugia pyriformis</i> Perty.							480			
<i>Euglypha ciliata</i> Ehr.									1	
<i>Heterophrys myriapoda</i> Archer.										
<i>Anthophysa vegetans</i> Mull.		13000								
<i>Ceratium longicorne</i> Perty.										
<i>Cryptomonas ovata</i> Ehr.										
<i>Dinobryon sertularia</i> Ehr.								6000	280	
<i>Distigma proteus</i> Ehr.									1	
<i>Eudorina elegans</i> Ehr.	19000	97500	600		4781	20000	2640	24000	1400	36000
<i>Euglena</i> spp.	800	227500					720	48000	4320	771840
<i>Euglena</i> sp. (?)	200	26000	100		8032	300000			5180	28800
<i>Euglena acus</i> Ehr.	33	3250			96					11520
<i>Euglena deses</i> Ehr.										
<i>Euglena spirogyra</i> Ehr.	66	6500			191	2	480		280	51840
<i>Euglena viridis</i> Ehr.	33	3250				1000				
<i>Gonium pectorale</i> Mull.										
<i>Pandorina morum</i> Bory.	1300	110500	200		5068	75000	25920	438000	2940	372000
<i>Peranema trichophorum</i> Ehr.										
<i>Peridinium</i> sp. (?)										
<i>Peridinium tabulatum</i> Ehr.										
<i>Phacus longicaudus</i> Ehr.						1000				11520
<i>Phacus pyrum</i> Ehr.		3250							140	11520
<i>Phacus triquetus</i> Ehr.		19500			287				280	66080
<i>Platydorina caudata</i> Kofoid.										
<i>Trachelomonas acuminata</i> Schmarida.	100	58500		15000			720	36000	7980	504000
<i>Trachelomonas armata</i> Ehr.						1000			140	5760
<i>Trachelomonas caudata</i> Ehr.									1	2
<i>Trachelomonas hispida</i> Stein.		39000		1	287	35000	240	18000	140	80640
<i>Trachelomonas volvocina</i> Ehr.										
<i>Volvox aureus</i> Ehr.	3				670	1	960		420	3
<i>Amphileptus anser</i> Ehr.										
<i>Aspidisca costata</i> (Duj.).										1
<i>Blepharisma musculus</i> Ehr.										
<i>Cinetochilum margaritaceum</i> Ehr.								3		
<i>Codonella cratera</i> (Leidy).	200	19500	10300	230000	1912	15000	960	18000	3920	132480
<i>Coleps hirtus</i> Ehr.			800	55000			240		280	149760
<i>Colpoda</i> sp. (?)	400	19500	300							
<i>Cyclidium glaucoma</i> Ehr.				15000						
<i>Dileptus gigas</i> C. & L.				1						
<i>Frontonia</i> sp. (?) Conn.										
<i>Frontonia acuminata</i> Ehr.										
<i>Hatteria grandinella</i> O. F. Mull.						1	1			1
<i>Holophrya lieberkuhnii</i>										
<i>Loxodes rostrum</i> Ehr.										
<i>Oxytricha</i> sp. (?) Conn.										
<i>Pleurotricha grandis</i> Stein.										
<i>Prorodon armatus</i> C. & L.	1									
<i>Trachelius ovum</i> Ehr.										
<i>Vorticella</i> sp. (?)										
<i>Vorticella convallaria</i> Linn.										
<i>Vorticella microscopica</i> From.				1						

PLANKTON TABLES—Continued.

OPEN LAKE	Sky black, water very rough.	Sky clear, water calm, very slight breeze.	Bright sunlight, water very rough.	Bright sunlight, water very calm.	Bright sunlight, long rolling waves.					
Surface Plankton Protozoa Numbers are per cubic meter	Transp. 3' 5" Temp. 22°	Temp. 23°	Transp. 3' 5" Temp. 23°	Transp. 3' 6" Temp. 23°	Transp. 3' Temp. 24°					
	July 7 8 A. M.	July 12 10:30 P. M.	July 15 9 A. M.	July 16 4 P. M.	July 21 11 A. M.					
	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper	Silk Net	Filter Paper
Ameboid forms, minute	Abdt.	Abdt.	6000		3000	145000				
Arcella vulgaris Ehr.			1		1					
Centropyxis aculeata Stein.		1								
Diffugia corona Wallich.					100					
Diffugia lobostoma Ehr.	1120	24000	5200		2700	15000	4080		1200	6720
Ceratium longicorne Perty.	70	1440								
Dinobryon sertularia Ehr.	8									
Eudorina elegans Ehr.	210	14400	900			35000	960		460	3380
Euglena sp. (?)		6240								
Euglena spirogyra Ehr.		1								
Pandorina morum Bory.		2880								20160
Peridinium tabulatum Ehr.					2		240			
Phacus pyrum Ehr.	1									
Volvox aureus Ehr.		1								
Codonella cratera (Leidy)	18	2880	100		100		240			
Cyclidium glaucoma Ehr.	2									
Glaucoma scintillans Ehr.			300		100	35000				
Vorticella brevistyla D'Udk.	1									

OBSERVATIONS ON THE DIURNAL MIGRATION OF THE SURFACE PLANKTON PROTOZOA.

It is interesting to note that in the tow made at 10 P. M., July 12, at 11 P. M., July 23, at 4 A. M., July 29, and at 10 P. M., July 30, the predominating Protozoa were rhizopods and ciliates, in other words, they were mostly holozoic forms. A few colonial flagellates that were so abundant in the water during the day time were present only in small numbers in the night tow.

The ciliates, *Codonella cratera* (Leidy) and *Coleps hirtus* Ehr., occurred much more abundantly in night tows than in tows made during the day time.

I believe that it can be said that the chlorophyll bearing forms were present in greatest numbers at the surface between three and five o'clock in the afternoon.

It may be noted that in the collections made under the bridge connecting Terwilliger's Pond and Fishery Bay, the tow made while the water flowed out of the pond contained more than twice as many protozoan organisms as the tow made while the current flowed from Fishery Bay into the pond.

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