

Insects of the Year 1893"; the President's Address; "Entomological Mistakes of Authors," by the Rev. T. W. Fyles; "Mosquitoes," by Mr. Moffat; "Dragon Flies," by Mr. McLaughlin; "A Contrasted Summary of the Main External Characters of Butterflies in Their Different Stages of Life," by Mr. S. H. Scudder, and a report of the fifth annual meeting of the Association of Economic Entomologists, together with a number of the principal papers.

The *Canadian Entomologist*, the monthly magazine published by the society, has been regularly issued at the beginning of each month, and completed its twenty-fifth volume in December last. It consisted of 334 pages, being the largest number yet published. Of the twenty-sixth volume eleven numbers have already been issued; the increase in the number of pages has been more than maintained, 328 having been already published. No less than fifty-two wood cuts have been used to illustrate papers, a large proportion of them being new and original. Among the many valuable and interesting papers that have been published, mention may especially be made of the series of illustrated articles on the "Coleoptera of Ontario and Quebec," by Mr. Wickham, which are intended especially to assist beginners in naming their specimens, and to lead them on to a more thorough study of the order. The list of contributors includes the names of the most eminent entomologists in North America, as well as several in Europe.

The collections of specimens belonging to the society have been increased during the past year by the addition of a number of coleoptera new to the Canadian lists by Mr. A. H. Kilman, of Ridgeway, and a collection of insects from San Domingo. Improvements are also being steadily made by the substitution of fresh specimens for those that are faded or imperfect in the cabinets.

The geological, microscopical and botanical sections of the society have held regular meetings during the past season and have done much good work, as is shown by their respective reports. It is to be regretted that the ornithological section has not been so active as in former years, but it is trusted that interest in this department will speedily be revived.

The treasurer's report is highly satisfactory. The expenditure on the *Canadian Entomologist* has necessarily been increased by its enlargement, but this has been fairly met by the steady growth in the number of subscribers and by the sale of back volumes. The balance on hand at the close of the financial year is \$360.50. This will be entirely absorbed by the necessary expenses of the remaining months of the year. The Council take this opportunity of recording their appreciation of Mr. Balkwill's services as treasurer and the satisfactory mode in which his accounts are kept.

The society was represented at the annual meeting in Ottawa of the Royal Society of Canada, in May last, by the Rev. T. W. Fyles. We have much pleasure in recording that two of our members were elected fellows, namely, our President, Mr. W. H. Harrington, and the Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Nanaimo, B.C.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

Mr. J. A. Moffat presented and read his report as follows:

I beg leave to submit my report for the year ending 31st of August, 1894.

Seventy-seven volumes have been added to the Library during the year; these include bound volumes received from public institutions and scientific societies, exchanges collected and bound, also books obtained by purchase.