

## REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH, 1906.

(Read at meeting of Club on evening of March 19, 1907).

The Entomological Branch has been actively at work. Throughout the past summer several members collected assiduously and regular meetings have been held during the winter. Notwithstanding the somewhat unproductive nature of the season, as a whole, many interesting insects in various orders were captured. Good progress has also been made in working up the systematic lists for the locality. Large numbers of species of diptera, hemiptera, lepidoptera, odonata and arachnida have been named by specialists, and records of these will appear before long in the pages of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. The fortnightly meetings held at the houses of the members have been most helpful in holding the members of the Branch together, and in creating and keeping up an interest in the general subject of entomology; they have also been the means of the distribution of much valuable knowledge to those who have been fortunate enough to take part.

Some of the members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club living at a distance have done valuable work in Canadian entomology, and also in helping to complete our knowledge of the insects of the Ottawa district. The Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Wellington, B.C., continues to study the North American Geometridæ; he has identified many species of these moths for our local students and has contributed some valuable papers upon them to THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. Mr. Norman Criddle, of Aweme, Manitoba, and Mr. T. N. Willing, of Regina, Sask., have collected many plants and insects and have helped not only to work up the fauna of their own districts, but have sent many interesting specimens to their fellow workers in Ottawa. Great advance has been made in our knowledge of the local microlepidoptera. This is chiefly due to the enthusiasm of Mr. C. H. Young, and to the generous help of Mr. W. D. Kearfott, of Montclair, N. J., U.S., who has identified many hundreds of specimens which have been sent to him by our collectors from various parts of Canada. Mr. Young has collected at Ottawa and has had named by Mr. Kearfott no less than 250 species, and there are still probably another hundred species mounted and ready to go forward. During the past summer Mr. Young collected and set up in admirable manner over 1,500 specimens of these exquisite little insects. Mr. W. Metcalfe continues his studies of the hemiptera, and has added many new names to the Ottawa list. Mr. J. W. Baldwin has been very successful in collecting nice series of moths at sugar. Amongst these were most of the species of *Catocala* found at Ottawa.