

first organized in Toronto in 1889, and has already become a very influential body, including amongst its members all the leading scientists in North America who are engaged in the study of practical Entomology. Its proceedings are accordingly of great scientific value as well as of immense practical value to farmers, gardeners and fruit-growers everywhere. The President, in his opening address, drew special attention to the want of reliable statistics concerning the ravages of destructive insects and the consequent financial loss to the community; a committee was accordingly appointed to prepare a report upon the subject. During the meeting, which occupied two days, a large number of papers on injurious insects were read and discussed, and much useful information was thus brought forward and made public.

While technical investigations in Entomology are by no means neglected, it is evident that our Society is becoming increasingly devoted to practical work, and is thus conferring very great benefits upon the agricultural interests of the country. Every fruit-grower and gardener is obliged to wage unceasing war against the infinite variety of injurious insects, and he can only do so with any hope of success when he has been taught by experienced scientists what methods to adopt and what means to employ. The publications of the Society from year to year set forth the best methods, and furnish instruction as to the best means for carrying on this warfare. The good work thus done will, we trust, be continued with unflagging zeal in the future.

The President gave an account of the meetings held at Rochester, N.Y., during the third week of August, of the Association of Economic Entomologists of North America and the Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which he and Mr. Fletcher had attended as representatives of the Society.

The Rev. T. W. FYLES read a paper on *Zaræa Americana* which he found feeding on the Buck Bean, *Menyanthes trifoliata*. He also read an interesting account of some of the rarer butterflies found in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Fletcher remarked upon the paper and gave some further information regarding the life-history of some of the species referred to.

Mr. FLETCHER then gave an account of a parasite of the Currant-worm. This, he described, as an exceedingly small insect which lives inside the egg of the Saw-fly, from which the Currant-worms hatch. He also mentioned that two species of Mud-daubers (*Pelopæus cementarius* and *cæruleus*) had been bred by him from the same mud nest.

The Rev. T. W. FYLES gave a most interesting account of a visit which he had paid to the home of the late Philip H. Gosse, author of the "Canadian Naturalist," who resided many years ago near Compton, in the Eastern Townships, P.Q.

The meeting adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the Society held a public meeting in its rooms in Victoria Hall which was largely attended by members and other friends from London and the neighborhood, amongst whom the following were noticed: Mr. W. H. Harrington (Vice-President) and Mr. James Fletcher, of Ottawa; Rev. T. W. Fyles, South Quebec; Messrs. J. M. Denton, W. E. Saunders, J. Alston Moffat, J. A. Balkwill, R. W. Rennie, F. W. Hodson, John Weld, W. Stevenson, H. Stevenson, J. H. Bowman, J. Dearness, Dr. Gardiner, Rev. W. M. Rogers, Dr. Woolverton, C. B. Edwards, W. Foot, of London and others.

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