

natural history. Mr. Wm. Saunders was appointed by the Dominion Government in 1886 to establish and superintend a series of Experimental Farms extending from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. For twenty-five years Dr. Saunders conducted this work in a most able and successful manner, and his name is well known not only throughout Canada, but also in the United States and Great Britain.

The Society thus formed began its career of active usefulness and it has steadily grown and prospered to the present time. In 1868 the publication of the Canadian Entomologist was begun, the first number consisting of only eight pages. It is now in its 45th year of publication and is sent to all parts of the world. In 1870 the first Annual Report of the Society on Noxious, Beneficial and other Insects was published, the three contributors being Dr. Saunders, Mr. Baynes Reed and the speaker. What really made the fortunes of the Society was the invasion of Ontario by the Colorado Potato Beetle. The Board of Agriculture for the Province requested the Society to report on the insect and to advise as to the best methods of checking or controlling its ravages. An admirable report was prepared by Messrs. Saunders and Reed, the former being a practical chemist was able to experiment with various poisons and to discover that Paris green was the most convenient and reliable substance for the destruction of the beetle. The result of this report was a grant from the Department of \$400 per annum, which was afterwards increased to \$1,000 and the incorporation of the Society under the name of the Entomological Society of Ontario. For a few years the Canadian Institute in Toronto gave the Society the privilege of using its library and museum for its meetings and collections. After a few years, however, the headquarters were removed to London and continued there until 1906, when a change was made to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The speaker expressed the great pleasure which it gave him and his colleagues to find that so many friends had come from long distances to join in the celebration of the Jubilee Meeting of the Society. He joined in giving them all the most hearty welcome and expressed his hope that they would fully enjoy their visit.