

These reports will appear as usual in the Society's Annual Report to the Ontario Government.

The report of the Montreal Branch was read by the Secretary, and was ordered to be printed in the Annual Report.

In the absence of the President, his annual address was read by the Secretary.

### ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

GENTLEMEN,—

It is seldom that a season passes in Canada with so little to record in reference to the injuries caused by destructive insects. Not only have we been favored by a kind Providence with a bountiful harvest, but our farmers have been free in great measure from the losses which usually occur from insect pests.

The Colorado Potato Beetle, *Doryphora decem-lineata*, has proved destructive to potato vines in a few localities, and where the application of the usual remedies has been neglected or too long delayed, they have destroyed the foliage to such an extent as to injure the crop; but where the use of Paris green has been promptly resorted to, no difficulty has been experienced in keeping this pernicious insect within due limits.

The Plum Curculio, *Conotrachelus nenuphar*, has been far less prevalent than usual, so that in many instances good crops of plums have been secured even where no efforts have been made to keep the insect in subjection. The plum crop generally has been a good one, and plum culture has consequently received a considerable impetus.

The worm of the Cabbage Butterfly, *Pieris rapæ*, although still plentiful, is no longer the terror to cabbage growers it formerly was, its natural enemies having multiplied to an extent sufficient to keep it within some reasonable degree of subjection. The general immunity which has of late prevailed regarding the Pea Weevil, *Bruchus pisi*, still continues, and pea culture has become more general. Even the Codling Worm, that perennial plague to the apple grower, has been less injurious than usual, so that our apple and pear crops have been freer than common from this obnoxious insect. Indeed there seems to have been a general scarcity of insect life during the past season of which collectors in this department of natural history in Canada generally complain.