

Mr. Criddle exhibited a box of rare Manitoban lepidoptera, all taken at Aweme. Among these was an interesting *Sphinx* which had recently been determined as a variety of *S. gordius*. The form had a conspicuous blackish band near the outside margin of the primaries, and showed other differences from eastern specimens of *gordius*. Mr. Criddle hopes by getting eggs of the form and studying the larvæ to decide whether it really is a variety of the above named species. Other specimens of interest in the box were: *Polia aedon*, *Mamestra scapularis*, *Xylina fletcheri* and *Tapinostola variana*. The latter species, although identified by Dr. J. B. Smith, looked different from other examples also named by Dr. Smith, from the east. Mr. Criddle will try and get other specimens for study.

Mr. Gibson spoke of a recent visit he had made to the home of Mr. J. D. Evans, a well known entomologist, at Trenton, Ont. He described in brief the nature of Mr. Evans' collections, and of the perfect order of the arrangement and most of the specimens. The collection of coleoptera is a particularly rich one, containing many very rare species. Mr. Gibson also showed a box containing an interesting series of the Arctiid moth, *Phragmatobia assimilians*, var. *franconia*. These had been reared from larvæ sent by Mr. Horace Dawson, of Hymers, Ont. The species is an uncommon one and notes on its life-history will soon be published.

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### EXCURSIONS.

The first excursion of 1910 was held at Rockcliffe on Saturday, 16th April, when about a dozen members spent the afternoon in gathering specimens representing the different branches of the Club's work. At five o'clock the parties met, and under the direction of Mr. Andrew Halkett, the president, exhibited and discussed the material collected. Miss A. L. Matthews referred to nature study from the poet's point of view and briefly showed by quotations how Burns, Wordsworth and Tennyson had gone to nature for their best inspirations.

Mr. Groh, reporting on the afternoon's work in botany, exhibited about fifteen plants already in flower, as follows: *Hepatica*, *acutiloba* and *triloba*, Spring Beauty, Blue Cohosh, Wild Ginger, Dutchman's Breeches, a low sedge, and, among shrubs and trees; the hazelnut, "pussy" willow, aspen, red maple, American elm and white cedar. *Shepherdia canadensis* in full flower was also collected by the party. Mr. Groh called attention to the fact that many of the trees blooming at this early date