

that some good species were secured by members not specially interested in Entomology.

At the first excursion in the spring, we were pleased to welcome Dr. Scudder, of Cambridge, Mass., the eminent American entomologist, and also our fellow-member, Dr. Bethune, of Port Hope, the editor of the *Canadian Entomologist*, and well known for many years as an active Canadian naturalist. Dr. A. H. Mackay, and Prof. J. Fowler, of Kingston, experienced botanists, were also with us, and helped to make a most successful and enjoyable excursion, particularly for the entomologists and botanists.

Some of our members made interesting collections in the west; notably Prof. Macoun, at Crane Lake, and Messrs Klotz and Simpson, in Alaska.

LEPIDOPTERA

On the whole the past season cannot be said to have been a very good one for insects, although, as is always the case, careful search and constant watchfulness added several desirable species to our cabinets. Some good work has been done in working out the life histories of some of the native butterflies and moths, a most fascinating study, and an excellent means of securing good specimens for the cabinet. The following species have been partially or completely reared from the egg:—*Papilio Bairdii*, (= *Oregonia*,) *Colias Elis*, *Colias Nastes*, *Chionobas Jutta*, *C. Macounii*. The first from eggs sent from Colorado, by Mr. W. H. Edwards, and all but the last, from eggs collected at Laggan, in the Rocky Mountains by Mr. T. E. Bean. From eggs obtained at Ottawa: *Chrysophanus Thoë*, *Colias Eurytheme*, *C. Philodice*, *Pamphila Metacomet*, *P. Cernes*, and *P. Mystic* have been reared.

COLEOPTERA.

Considerable additions have been made to the Ottawa lists of beetles, but some of the species are yet unidentified. Among those determined may be mentioned *Oestodes tenuicollis* and *Conotrachelus anaglypticus*. Three specimens of the rare *Staphylinus erythropterus*, only once previously recorded in America, were taken in Dow's Swamp.