

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH, 1905.

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The Leaders of the Entomological Branch have pleasure in reporting that during the season of 1905, the entomologists of the Club have been actively engaged; much good collecting having been done and many new facts discovered concerning the life-histories of various species of insects. The season on the whole was an unproductive one in the Ottawa district, the cool nights and damp weather being very discouraging and hindering much in the plans for excursions, etc., which had been made by the Leaders. Notwithstanding the disappointing season, by dint of persistent effort good work was done by some of the members of the Club and many new records of insects were added to the local lists.

The fortnightly meetings held in the early part of the year were very helpful to the members who attended them, and much useful information was brought out in the discussions following the reading of papers. These meetings of course are open to any members of the Club and as they are very informal in nature, all wishing to take up the study of insects are welcome to attend and could quickly gather much useful and interesting information.

No reports of the Entomological Branch have been published in the OTTAWA NATURALIST since that for 1902 which appeared in the September number for 1903, but full accounts of the meetings of the branch have appeared from time to time and furnished the same information as would have been given in a report. A few new members have joined this Branch of the Club but the field is so large and so much of it is yet to be worked that the Leaders sincerely hope that more students will join them during the next season.

Valuable work has been done for the science of entomology by some of our members who have visited or who are living in localities distant from Ottawa. The Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Wellington, British Columbia, has taken up the study of North American Geometridae and has already added largely to our knowledge of those interesting moths. Mr. Jos. Keele and Mr. J. Wilson, both of the Geological Survey staff, have brought back from the far north small but valuable collections of different or-