

writer. It is some years since this butterfly has been taken in the Ottawa district. Dr. Fletcher has collected it once or twice previously at the Mer Bleue, which is probably the most southern locality known for this insect. All the specimens which have been taken here have the markings slightly suffused on both the upper and lower surfaces.

In a wood near the Mer Bleue, Mr. Lemieux found a fine specimen of the Spotted Salamander, *Amblystoma punctatum*, and also some specimens of *Plethodon erythronotus* and *Plethodon erythronotus cinereus*. These latter salamanders occur commonly in the Ottawa district.

The small, curious caterpillars of the plume moth, *Pterophorus eupatorii*, were found in numbers feeding on the leaves of Joe Pye Weed, *Eupatorium purpureum*, and in some pasture fields the Hard-hack, *Spiraea tomentosa*, was seen to be badly infested by the galls of a cecidomyid. Many of these plants were entirely covered by these galls. Since the small fly has been reared and specimens have been determined by Dr. E. P. Felt, of Albany, N.Y., as *Rhabdophaga salicifolia*, a species which has been found abundant in Massachusetts and New York, on the above plant and also on *Spiraea salicifolia*.

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MEETINGS OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH.

Meeting held at the residence of Mr. Harrington, 13th February, 1908. Present, Messrs. Fletcher, Letourneau, Halkett, Nelles, Gibson, Young, Baldwin, and Mr. Harrington, in the Chair.

Mr. Letourneau showed a perfect nest of *Eumenes globulosus*, with the insect which had emerged from it during the past summer. The specimen had been found on the twig of a bush on the Experimental Farm.

Dr. Fletcher showed a fresh supply of *Boreus californicus* which had just come to hand in a living state from Mr. J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, B.C. He also spoke of some most interesting observations by Mr. Cockle upon the mating of these insects. Specimens apparently of another species had been collected by Mr. N. B. Sanson, in the Rocky Mountain Park, Banff, Alta. Other interesting specimens shown were: a specimen of the remarkable Snow fly, *Chionea valga*, taken at Banff by Mr. Sanson; the strange heteropterous bug, *Emesa longipes*, which was one of five specimens taken by Mr. W. A. Dent, at Sarnia, Ont.; some living larvæ of the Brown-tail Moth in their winter web, also a fine series showing inflates of the full grown larvæ and the perfect moths. Collections of insects made by Mr. D.