

In the Canadian Naturalist for June 1862 there appeared a list of persons residing in Canada, all interested in the collection and study of insects, which contained no less than thirty-six names. This was prepared by the speaker, with the assistance of Mr. Saunders. It was then proposed that a meeting should be held for the purpose of bringing together as many as possible of those interested, and to form some kind of club or society which would be of general benefit to those concerned. The result of this publication was the holding of a meeting in Toronto at the residence of Prof. Croft in September, 1862. As there were only ten persons present, it was thought inadvisable to form a society at that time, but a draft of a constitution was drawn up and it was decided to hold another meeting during the coming year. On the 16th of April, 1863, a meeting was held in the library of the Canadian Institute and the formation of the Entomological Society of Canada was then decided upon and its constitution drawn up and adopted. The attendance was small, but several who were unable to be present had given in their adhesion to the movement. Dr. Henry Croft, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Toronto, was elected President; Mr. Saunders, of London, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Rev. Jas. Hubbert, Curator. The others present were: The Rev. Wm. Hincks, Professor of Botany and Zoology at the University of Toronto; Dr. Sangster, Principal of the Normal School, Toronto; Dr. Beverley R. Morris, an Englishman who not long after returned to England and there became editor of a popular magazine on natural history, Dr. Cowdry and his son, Mr. N. H. Cowdry, of York Mills, and Messrs. Saunders and Bethune. The following gentlemen were unable to be present, but became original members of the society: Mr. E. Baynes Reed, Barrister, London; Mr. E. Billings, editor of the Canadian Naturalist and Geologist, for many years attached to the Geological Survey. Mr. R. V. Rogers, Barrister, Kingston; Mr. T. Reynolds, Engineer of the Great Western Railway, now part of the Grand Trunk system, Hamilton; Mr. B. Billings, Prescott, who subsequently lived in the neighborhood of Ottawa and formed a large collection of Coleoptera; Rev. V. Clementi, Peterborough, an English Church clergyman, who was greatly interested in the various aspects of