

materially injure the crop. Since the larva of this insect is found only in the nests of bees, wasps, etc., where it feeds on the young of these nest-making insects, and consumes the potato vine only while in the perfect or beetle state, no serious injury is likely to result from its presence. Its larval habits are such that if abundant one year, it is almost sure to be correspondingly scarce the following season.

In the garden of Mr. J. C. Phipps, the Indian Agent of the Government at Manitowanning, I was surprised to find that the oyster-shell bark louse, which injures apple trees, was not only abundant on the apple trees, but the stems of both black and red currant bushes were also thickly clad with them to such an extent as to have killed a number of them. I had never before seen this destructive insect attack the currant, but it has been occasionally observed on currant bushes in the United States.

For several years past I have had occasion to refer to the depredations of the forest tent caterpillar, *Clisiocampa sylvatica*, which has devastated our gardens, orchards and forests; it has now happily almost disappeared, a result brought about, I have no doubt, mainly through the agency of parasitic flies, several species of which have been preying on them extensively. In some sections of the Province the rose-bug, *Macrodactylus subspinosus*, has been abundant and injurious. In East Flamboro' I am informed that they were very destructive to the sweet cherries, devouring the fruit, and that they also injured the grape crop by eating the bunches shortly after blossoming. Some grape growers have also suffered considerably from the attacks of the grape vine flea-beetle, which devours the buds just as they are swelling in the spring.

At the late meeting of the Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Boston, our Society was represented by Mr. H. H. Lyman, of Montreal, and the Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, whose able report of the important proceedings of the Club will be read with interest. It is gratifying to learn that the good work done by the Club has given it such a standing that the Association has seen fit to establish it as a permanent Sub-section, and the more important papers read will in future be published in the yearly volume of Proceedings.

During the year the New York State Legislature has appointed J. A. Lintner, of Albany, N. Y., as State Entomologist. New York was the first State in the Union to look after the interests of agriculture in this