
REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO
TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA, MAY, 1883.

The Royal Society of Canada having invited the Entomological Society of Ontario to send a delegate to their recent meeting in Ottawa, the Council recognizing the importance of the work undertaken by the Royal Society and anxious to do all in their power to further the advancement of Science, especially in the department of Natural History, appointed Mr. James Fletcher, of Ottawa, to represent the Entomological Society on that occasion. Mr. Fletcher was present, took part in the proceedings and submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Royal Society of Canada:

GENTLEMEN,—In response to the invitation received by the Entomological Society of Ontario to send a delegate to the meetings of the Royal Society of Canada, the Council of Management gladly avail themselves of the privilege so accorded them of being represented on this occasion.

As their delegate I shall endeavor to submit for your information, in as brief a manner as possible, some of the main features relating to the origin and progress of the Society, now so well known as the Entomological Society of Ontario. It was organized in 1863 under the name of the Entomological Society of Canada, by a few naturalists living in different parts of the Provinces, who met together at Toronto for this special purpose. Its membership, at first, was only 16, and this number included all those then known to be interested in the study of insect life in Canada. From this small beginning the Society has steadily increased until its membership now reaches upwards of 500.

The benefits of organization and united effort were soon manifested by the rapid accumulation of valuable facts relating to scientific and economic entomology. Formerly this material was, from time to time, published in the pages of the Canadian Journal; but the increased interest in the work of the Society, and its larger membership, rendered it necessary in a few years to establish a periodical of its own, entirely in the interests of Entomology. On August 1st, 1868, appeared the first number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, a monthly periodical which has from that time forward been regularly issued, and which was for some years the only publication on the continent of America devoted solely to this important branch of natural science. It has now reached its fifteenth volume. From the outset its pages have been almost entirely filled with the records of original