

On the 16th of April in the following year (1863), the Society was at length duly organized under the Presidency of Prof. Croft, and with Mr. W. Saunders as Secretary-Treasurer, and the late Rev. Prof. Hubbert as Curator. The names of about twenty-five persons were enrolled as original members. During the year, meetings were held from time to time, and several more names were added to the list of members.

The next year (1864) was one of great progress, being signalized by the formation, in March, of a Branch, with ten original members, at Quebec, Canada East; and of another in July, at London, Canada West, with thirteen original members. A preliminary list of Canadian Lepidoptera, embracing 144 species of Butterflies, Bombyces and Sphinges, was published by the Society during the year. In 1865 many additions to the roll of membership were made, and much good work was done, including the publication of a second list of Canadian Lepidoptera, containing the names of 350 more species. During the following year (1866) the Society held but few meetings and effected little, owing to the disturbance caused by the Fenian Raid, and the call made upon many members to leave their homes and join the ranks of the Volunteer service. The year 1867 was marked in the annals of the Society, by the publication of a valuable list of Canadian Coleoptera, which included no less than 55 families, 432 genera, and 1231 species, being many times more than had ever been previously enumerated in a Canadian List.

In August 1868, the Society issued the first number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, a small monthly periodical devoted to the publication of original papers on the classification, description, habits and general history of Insects. This little serial has been received with much favour by the leading Entomologists of America, many of whom have from time to time contributed to its pages. It has now reached the middle of its *third* volume, and has increased to three times its original dimensions; it has also improved much in style and typographical appearance, as well as in the excellence of its illustrations.

Until December 1869, the Society received no extraneous assistance nor public recognition, but depended wholly for its maintenance upon the efforts of its members. At that time, however, it was voted a grant of \$400 for the year 1870 by the Board of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, on condition that it furnished an Annual Report, formed a cabinet of insects useful and prejudicial to agriculture and horticulture, and continued the publication of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. These conditions were severally complied with by the con-