

Capt. Gamble Geddes, Toronto, and others, announcing their regret at being unable to be present.

The Report of the Council was read by Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, and on motion of Mr. Denton, seconded by Mr. Moffat, it was duly adopted.

The statement of the Secretary-Treasurer (balance sheet) was received and adopted.

The Reports of the Montreal branch, and of the Delegate to the Royal Society of Canada, were received and referred for publication.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Council feel highly gratified in announcing the continued success that has attended the work of the Society during the past year.

The *Canadian Entomologist* has been published with regularity, and its pages have been filled as usual with valuable papers, contributed by leading entomologists in Canada the United States and Europe.

The Annual Report to the Legislature of Ontario was duly issued after some delay, and the Council feel justified in stating that it was in no way inferior to its predecessors in the diversity and character of its articles on practical Entomology.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Library by purchase as well as by donation. Among the latter may be especially mentioned the gift of a copy of Westwood's *Oriental Entomology*, by Miss Ormerod, of St. Alban's, England.

The Society's collection of insects, which was sent last year to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London, England, has been brought back and restored to the Society's rooms. The Council regret to state that two of the cases were broken in transit, and a number of specimens of lepidoptera were damaged. They trust, however, that the kindness of members will speedily replace those that are wanting.

The audited statement of the finances of the Society is submitted herewith, and shows a credit balance of \$83.

The Council have very great pleasure in offering their hearty congratulations to their President, Mr. James Fletcher, upon his appointment to the important position of Dominion Entomologist and Botanist to the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. They cannot but feel that the Society has been much honoured by the selection of two of its presidents (Prof. Saunders and Mr. Fletcher) for high and important positions in the Dominion Experimental Farms, and they regard it as a welcome recognition of the usefulness and good work of the Society.

Since the last annual meeting, the Council have unanimously elected Miss Eleanor A. Ormerod, Consulting Entomologist to the Royal Agricultural Society of England, an Honorary Member, as a slight mark of the high estimation in which her labours in the field of practical entomology are held both here and elsewhere.

They have to deplore the loss they have recently sustained by the lamented death of their colleague, Mr. G. J. Bowles, of Montreal, who was for many years an active and zealous member of the Society, an able and efficient worker, and a valued contributor to the magazine and annual reports.

The annual meeting is this year summoned to be held in the City of Ottawa, at the request of several members, in order that an opportunity may be afforded of visiting the Central Experimental Farm, and inspecting the collections of insects at the Geological Museum and in the possession of resident members of the Society.

Presented on behalf of the Council.

E. BAYNES REED,
Secretary-Treasurer.