

found resting on the upper surface of the leaves. The larvæ are often very destructive, and as little can be done to prevent the damage, canes infested invariably die.

Meech Lake is a most interesting locality from an entomological standpoint. Mr. Young during his two summer's sojourn there, has collected many insects new to the Ottawa district. Doubtless others also will find the place a most profitable one to explore.

CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-  
NATURALISTS' CLUB.

(Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club founded March 22nd, 1879.)

The first of this year's soirées was held in the Normal School Hall on December 15th, 1903. In place of the usual conversation it was thought best to celebrate at that time the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Club, and to bring together as many of the original members as possible. A very enjoyable time was spent at this meeting in recalling interesting facts relating to the early years of the Club.

The Principal of the Normal School, Mr. J. F. White, gave an address of welcome, in which he spoke of his appreciation of the work the Club was doing and of the assistance being rendered to students of the Normal School by its members. The President's address, which was published in the February number of *THE NATURALIST*, followed, after which five members of the original Council of the Club made short addresses. The first President of the Club, Lieut.-Col. W. White, C.M.G., spoke on "The Study of Natural History at Ottawa before the formation of the Club." The following is part of what he said: "When, in 1865, the seat of government was transferred from Quebec to Ottawa those of us who had been members of the Natural History Society of Quebec were most agreeably surprised to find that in the new Capital there was not only a Mechanics' Institute, with the nucleus of a museum, but also a Natural History Society in good working order with a number of very active members, amongst whom may be mentioned Dr., now Sir James Grant, Professor Webster, the Rev. T. D. Phillips, Dr. Van Courtlandt, Mr. James