

that this pest had been an important factor in rousing the farmers to practice better methods and to adopt rotation and co-operation, and had uplifted them socially and in other ways. Mr. Harrington also showed some Curculionidae that he had taken in Japan, and called attention to their large size and bright colours as compared with the representatives of this family in Canada.

Mr. Gibson exhibited Sir George Hampson's recent volume (XIII) of the Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalaenæ in the British Museum, the subject of which is the classification of a part of the subfamily Catocalinæ and the subfamilies Mominæ and Phytometrinæ. He mentioned specially two genera, viz., *Zale* and *Phytometra*. The latter includes species which were placed under the old name of *Plusia*. The volume is of much value to Canadian students. He also spoke briefly on "Some little-known Cutworms." The species discussed were *Barathra curialis*, *Mamestra atlantica*, *Agrotis aurulenta*, and *Porosagrotis orthogonia*. The life history of two former species were studied some years ago. The larvae of the first named occurred throughout eastern Canada in 1905, and much loss was occasioned through its ravages to garden plants, both vegetable and ornamental. The last named species, which has been referred to under the name *delorata* in publications of the Division of Entomology, was chiefly discussed. This cutworm, which is a new destructive form, occurs in southern Alberta and during 1911 and 1912 thousands of acres of grain were destroyed by it. Mr. Gibson explained the work which the Division has been doing in the study of the life history, habits of the larvae, control measures, etc.

A general discussion of sundry subjects, entomological and otherwise, brought a very pleasant evening to a close

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EDITOR, OTTAWA NATURALIST: In 1913, a number of bird nesting boxes were put up in various parts of the country for the accommodation of birds that nest in cavities. This work was furthered through your own kindness in allowing a notice of the importation of these boxes to appear in the columns of the OTTAWA NATURALIST and the result was that the demand for these nesting boxes which were supplied to the inquirers at actual cost was greater than the supply, and consequently I am bringing out a further quantity this year.