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MEETINGS OF THE MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Jan. 13, 1891.—The 159th meeting of the Branch was held at 74 McTavish street, Mr. H. H. Lyman, President, in the chair. Mr. J. F. Hausen read a "Description of a New Species of the Coleopterous Genus *Pterostichus*," which he has named *Pterostichus conspicuipes*, on account of its bright yellow legs. The type was taken at Lachine. Mr. Hausen also read a note "On the Occurrence of *Gracilia minuta*, Fab., at Montreal."

Feb. 10, 1891.—The 160th meeting of the Branch was held at 74 McTavish street, Mr. H. H. Lyman, President, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, and Mr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist and Vice-President of the parent society, was also present.

Mr. Lyman read "A Preliminary Paper on the Genus *Chionobas*," in which the different species and reputed species inhabiting this continent and the north of Europe were compared, and attention drawn to the wide difference of opinion among entomologists as to the distinctness of the various forms. The paper was illustrated by a large number of specimens from the collections of Messrs. Lyman, Fletcher and Winn, the following forms being represented:—*Gigas*, *Californica*, *Nevadensis*?, *Macounii*, *Chryxus*, *Aello*, *Varuna*, *Uhleri*, *Tarpeia*, *Bore vera*, *Taygete*, *Jutta*, *Oeno*, *Semidea*, *Brucei*, *Crambis*, *Subhyalina*?, from Hudson's Straits; *Semidea var.?*, from Colorado; and *Semidea var.?*, from Laggan.

A discussion followed, after which Mr. Caulfield read a paper entitled "Notes on the Gryllidæ—Field Crickets," illustrated by specimens. Mr. Hausen read a "Preliminary Notice of Three New Species of *Pterostichus*—Systematic Notes." The species are to be called *Pulvinatus*, *Stenopus* and *Strictus*. The types were taken in the vicinity of Montreal. This paper is to be published in the Canadian Record of Science, with a plate and synoptic table of species. After spending some time examining some