

past season we found the lamellicorn beetle, *Ligyris relictus*, quite abundantly on several evenings. This beetle which is a close relative of the common May Beetle, or so-called June Bug, has not in the past been at all common in the Ottawa district.

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The meeting of the Branch at the residence of Mr. Arthur Gibson on the 25th March, was very informal in nature. Those present were Messrs. Halkett, Metcalfe, Groh, Baldwin and Gibson.

Owing to the few exhibits which were made the discussions were of a very general nature. Mr. Metcalfe showed a box of Psyllidae, some of which had recently been named by Mr. Schwarz, of Washington, through the courtesy of Dr. L. O. Howard. These little insects have not received very much study in North America as yet. They are known popularly as "jumping plant lice" from their active habits, although they resemble much more closely a miniature Cicada.

The work of the Birch Skeletonizer, *Bucculatrix canadensisella*, was exhibited by Mr. Groh, along with specimens of the beautiful little moth. Some years this insect does much harm to the foliage of birch trees. It has been found commonly in the Ottawa District.

Some parasitized chrysalids of *Papilio turnus* and *Hyperchiria io*, were shown by Mr. Baldwin. The parasites were probably Tachina flies.

Mr. Gibson exhibited a large potato shaped gall on *Rubus nutkanus*, which had been received from Mr. J. R. Anderson, of Victoria, B.C. Specimens of the hymenopterous gall maker, doubtless one of the Cynipidæ, were also shown. These had emerged indoors during March. A series of the noctuids, *Graphiphora praeaes* and *Stretchia normalis*, also from British Columbia, was exhibited. Sir George Hampson's Vol. VII, of the catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalaenæ in the British Museum was laid on the table with the accompanying plates, and was examined with much interest by those present. These volumes are of the greatest value to lepidopterists the world over.

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Dr. E. L. Greene, of the United States National Museum, Washington, D.C., who has been studying plants of the genus *Thalictrum* in western Ontario, was in Ottawa for a day, or two, last month.