

the capture of two specimens of *Argynnis Triclaris* and one of *Thecla Augustus*, and in the woods near the railway station a pair of *Phyciodes Batesii* were captured.

HEMIPTERA.—But few specimens were collected in this order, but mention may be made of the rather unusual abundance of *Corimelena nitiduloides* and *Pentatoma juniperina*. The former occurred upon Turtle-head and Goldenrod, and the latter swarmed upon the White Cedars at the Experimental Farm. At a recent meeting of the Club an account was given of the San José scale, and specimens of this insect were exhibited. As was then stated, this minute insect, which has such enormous powers of injuring fruit trees, has occurred at five points in Western Ontario and at three in British Columbia. Vigorous efforts are being made by the Provincial and Federal Governments to stamp out this pest.

HYMENOPTERA.—An unusually wet spring was apparently the cause of a noticeable scarcity of at least the larger forms of hymenoptera. This scarcity was particularly marked among the social bees and wasps, whose colonies are started by solitary hibernated fertilized females, styled queens. If unfavorable weather prevents the mother bee or wasp from obtaining food for the first brood, it must follow that the growth of the colony is greatly retarded, or that it may even perish. Micro-hymenoptera seemed abundant on the comparatively few collecting outings, but these minute forms are so numerous, and so varied in their habits, that they may be obtained under almost any conditions. A very nice series, including several additions to our lists, was taken even as late as 3rd Oct., on the occasion of the Club Excursion to Chelsea. The Ottawa representatives of the genus *Ichneumon* have been recently re-studied and rearranged and are found to number over seventy species, which may serve to indicate the immense number of forms belonging to the order Hymenoptera.

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