

sented by only a single specimen. The Chrysomelids, or "leaf-beetles," are mostly short-bodied, and more or less oval in outline. They are all vegetable feeders and some are very injurious. The well known Colorado Potato Beetle is one of the bad pests belonging to this family.

Mr. Baldwin showed samples of several kinds of blank labels which he had received from the American Entomological Co., of Brooklyn, N.Y. It was pointed out that these labels were very cheap and useful, and as this firm advertises in the OTTAWA NATURALIST the members were requested to bear it in mind when making purchases of an entomological nature.

Mr. Metcalfe exhibited a small box containing a number of spiders' nests, from which parasites had been reared. The common local nest, flat in shape and oval in outline, of a satiny brown colour, had been chiefly collected and from these some parasites of the genus *Pezomachus* had been secured. The name of the spider that made the nest was unknown to those present.

Dr. Fletcher showed a very large specimen of the ichneumonid fly, *Ophion macrurum*, which had been reared from the cocoon of *Telea polyphemus*. It was noticed that the Polyphemus cocoon had been punctured by a woodpecker, but the cocoon of the *Ophion* inside had not been injured, doubtless because of its toughness. The little moth shown at a previous meeting by Mr. Harrington, the larvæ of which fed on *Lemna*, was reported by Dr. Fletcher to be *Nymphula oblitalis*, the identification having been made by Dr. H. G. Dyar, of the U.S. National Museum. Dr. Fletcher also exhibited specimens, in fluid, of the larvæ of the Mexican Orange Fruit-worm fly, *Trypeta ludens*, which had been found at Ottawa in a bitter orange, and brought to one of the botanical branch meetings by Mr. G. H. Clark. When first noticed the larvæ were dead and discolored. A list of species of the genera *Bombus* and *Psithyrus* from various parts of Canada, which had recently been determined by Mr. H. J. Franklin, of Amherst, Mass., was read by Dr. Fletcher and proved of much interest. Local species included in the list were: *Bombus borealis*, *B. impatiens*, *B. pennsylvanicus*, *B. perplexus*, *B. vagans* and *Psithyrus laboriosus*.

Mr. Young exhibited a large case containing about 900 specimens of local microlepidoptera, many of which had been reared by him from larvæ. It is always a pleasure to look over any of Mr. Young's work, and this exhibit was an extremely interesting one. Many of the rarer or recently described species were pointed out and information given as to the food plants of the larvæ.