

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Society was held pursuant to notice at Ottawa, on Wednesday and Thursday, 26th and 27th October, 1887. The meeting was held in Ottawa at the request of several members, in order that an opportunity might be afforded to visit the Central Experimental Farm of the Dominion Government, to examine the valuable collections of insects in the Museum of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and to inspect the collections of the members resident in Ottawa. Through the kindness of the civic rulers, the meetings were held in the City Hall.

A Council meeting was held on Wednesday, at 10 a.m., on the adjournment of which the Museum was visited and the insect collections examined, the magnificent exhibit of Lepidoptera eliciting universal admiration.

In the afternoon the Experimental Farm was visited, the Director, Prof. Saunders, kindly placing carriages at the disposal of the Council. A Council meeting was held in his office, after which he escorted the visitors around the farm, and explained the work already accomplished, and the plans for future operations. The house and barns in course of construction were justly admired, and it was evident to all that a great and useful work was being accomplished under the oversight of the director and his skilful assistants.

In the evening a general meeting of the Society was held in the council chamber of the City Hall, and the annual address was delivered by the President, Mr. James Fletcher. Among the large audience present were, in addition to members of the Entomological Society, many officers and members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society, of the Geological Museum, of various educational institutions, agricultural associations, etc., as well as gardeners and farmers from the surrounding country.

The address was a very instructive and practical one, and was listened to with great attention and interest by all present. It gave a sketch of the growth of the Society, and an outline of the work being done and to be carried on at the Government Experimental Farms. The value of Natural Sciences as a training for the mental faculties and the co-relationship of the different branches was shown. The latter portion consisted of a report on the insect injuries for the year and the broad general principles regulating the application of remedies. On its conclusion a vote of thanks to the President was moved by Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, who described the work being accomplished in England by Miss Ormerod, and illustrated it by an account of her exertions to ward off the attack of the Hessian fly. The vote of thanks was seconded by Prof. Saunders, who confirmed the statements made in the address, and gave accounts of some experiments with solutions of Paris green as a preventive of curculio in plums, and codling moth in apples.

A collection of Coleoptera captured in the vicinity of Ottawa, was exhibited by Mr. W. Hague Harrington. It was arranged in eighteen cases and contained about 1,250 species.

The meeting for the election of officers, etc., was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, in a committee room of the City Hall.

The President, Mr. James Fletcher, occupied the chair, and the following members of the Council were among those present:—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Port Hope; Mr. J. Alston Moffat, Hamilton; Mr. J. M. Denton, London; and Mr. W. H. Harrington, Ottawa.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been printed and circulated amongst the members, their reading was dispensed with, and they were duly confirmed.

Mr. W. H. Harrington was requested to act as Secretary in the absence of that officer.

Letters were received from Rev. T. W. Fyles, Quebec; Mr. E. Baynes Reed, London; Mr. H. H. Lyman, Montreal; Mr. W. E. Saunders, London; Mr. J. D. Evans, Trenton;

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