

preliminary list, which will appear in a future number of the OTTAWA NATURALIST. The large families of Aphididæ and Coccidæ, which embrace a large proportion of the species of this order, have not so far been much studied and must for the present be omitted. The study of some families of the Hymenoptera has been so far advanced that the leaders hope soon to begin the publication of the list of this order which was promised in a previous report ; but the printing of which has been postponed, owing to the great number of new species constantly turning up and the difficulties attending their accurate determination.

Mr. McLaughlin has collected several new species of dragon-flies, but they are not yet identified.

In the order Lepidoptera several rare species have been collected. A few specimens of *Nisoniades Horatius*, not previously recorded from this locality, were taken at Beechwood by Mr. Fletcher, ovipositing on *Aquilegia Canadensis*.

A small but interesting collection of moths was taken at the dynamo house of the Electric Light Co. This contained two specimens of *Hepialus argenteomaculatus*, *Sphinx Kalmia*, *Smerinthus modestus*, *S. geminatus*, *S. excrucatus* and *Tolyte velleda*. Two of the large sphinx caterpillars, *Philampelus Achemon* and *Sphinx Chersis*, were injuriously abundant on the Experimental Farm, the former on grape vines and the latter on ashes.

A serious attack on the wheat crop by a small fly (*Ostinis variabilis*) has to be recorded. It is being specially studied by Mr. Fletcher.

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