

districts during the past season. Mr. Gibson, who represents Ottawa, described the unfavourable character of the season for many insects, but reported Grasshoppers and Aphids as extremely numerous. He also referred to the destruction of a number of cut-leaf birch trees by the Red-necked Borer. Mr. Williams and Mr. Nash gave reports on the Toronto district, and referred to the unsatisfactory nature of the work that is being carried on in order to control the Tussock Moth on the shade trees of the city of Toronto. Mr. L. Cæsar gave a paper on "Some Insects of Economic Importance," referring to the extension of the San José Scale to the county of Prince Edward, the work of a Blackberry Saw-fly, Spruce Gall-louse and a variety of other insects. The papers were discussed in an interesting manner by a number of those present. Mr. Lyman read a paper on "The Origin and Diffusion of Entomological Errors," confining himself to the Lepidoptera. He stated that coloured plates were a frequent source of error, and that occasionally collectors sent their specimens to experts to be named, retaining what they supposed to be duplicates. These were often different species, and it sometimes also happens that the numbers used for identification were transposed, either by the sender or the recipient. The third class of errors was due to typographical mistakes, a number of instances of which he mentioned. Mr. Gibson spoke of the importation of the Brown-tail Moth on French nursery stock in Ontario during the last winter. As soon as their presence became known a thorough examination was made. Over a million plants were inspected, and 186 nests containing living caterpillars were found. These and the packages which contained them were burned, and since then no examples have been found.

In the evening a public meeting was held in Massey Hall Auditorium, which was well filled with students, both male and female, and a number of visitors from the town, as well as members of the Society. Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, the newly-appointed Entomologist at the Experimental Farms of the Dominion, gave a highly interesting and instructive address, illustrated by a series of admirable lantern pictures, on "House Flies and Their Allies." The College orchestra added much to the enjoyment of the evening by the musical selections they rendered. A very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Hewitt was moved by President Creelman, and a general feeling of pleasure was expressed that so talented an entomologist had been selected to fill the place of the late lamented Dr. Fletcher.

During the second day, Friday, November 5th, meetings were held during the morning and afternoon in the Entomological Lecture-room, and