

President of the Club, Prof. John Macoun occupied the chair and gave a short opening address in which he pointed out the educational value of natural history studies to young people. Mr. W. H. Harrington then read his paper on "Ottawa Diptera." He spoke of the different species of flies, mentioning those that were injurious to cereals, etc. He also referred to diseases, and to the habit of grocers placing fruits and berries on the sidewalks exposed to flies which only a moment before may have come from some decaying animal or vegetable matter.

Dr. James Fletcher, of the Experimental Farm, then gave a most interesting address on "The Rearing of Insects," and showed what great pleasure and profit might be obtained from watching an insect develop through all its stages. He also gave many valuable hints to beginners as to the details. Mr. Arthur Gibson, Mr. Fletcher's assistant, followed with a paper on "Some Interesting Moths Taken at Ottawa." All three papers were illustrated by suitable collections, and Master Louis Burland showed a box of minerals and fossils neatly labelled. An interesting discussion followed, in which a number in the audience took part, and further information was elicited by questions.

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The thirdsoirée, washeld in the Assembly Hall of the Y. M. C. A. There was a good attendance of members and strangers. Zoology, Ornithology and Geology formed the topics of the evening.

Prof. E. E. Prince, B.A.; F.L.S., gave a most interesting paper "On the Comparative Anatomy of the Ear," in which he traced the unity of structure and arrangement in that organ from the lowest organism up to the highest and the special adaptation of that box or mechanical contrivance to receive vibrations and impart them to the nerves connected therewith. By means of a beautiful series of coloured and exquisitely prepared and original slides thrown upon the screen, Prof. Prince illustrated the anatomy of the "true ear" in jelly fishes, worms, mollusks, birds, fishes, reptiles and vertebrates. An interesting discussion followed this paper in which Messrs. Kingston, Whyte, Evans and the lecturer took part.