

The monthly journal of the Society, the *Canadian Entomologist*, has been regularly issued during the past year, and still continues to hold its place as the leading magazine devoted exclusively to entomology published on this continent. It has completed its nineteenth volume and entered upon its twentieth. The former consists of 240 pages of reading matter, with one plate besides the index. The subject matter is fully up to the standard of former volumes, both in interest and importance. Three new genera and sixty-two new species were described in it, and the contributors to its pages, amounting to thirty-seven in number, embrace a considerable portion of the active and eminent entomologists of this continent, as well as others of less note.

For a number of years past one of the most important and valuable features of the *Entomologist* has been the very full descriptions of the preparatory stages or life histories of a considerable number of butterflies and some beetles, which have been contributed by entomologists eminent in their respective branches. These descriptions have been accumulating from year to year, and now amount to a very large number in comparison with the number of those whose early stages were known fifteen or twenty years ago.

The annual report of the Society for the year 1887 has been somewhat delayed, not having yet been issued to the members, but it is expected to be distributed within a few days and will no doubt be quite up to the high standard of the reports of previous years.

The very important collection of insects exhibited by the Society at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition was duly returned to the Society's headquarters at London, Ont. Upon examination it was found that some of the specimens had been badly damaged on the journey, as was naturally to be expected, and that many others had suffered very much from the long continued exposure to the light at the exhibition, as must inevitably occur under similar circumstances. The Society has accordingly issued a list of species required to place its collection again in perfect order, and, though the list is large, many have already been received, and it is to be hoped that the remainder of the specimens needed may be forthcoming from the members at no distant day.

The establishment in connection with the Department of Agriculture of the Central Experimental Farm, under the able direction of Mr. William Saunders, a former president of the Entomological Society, and the appointment to the position of Entomologist in connection with the same of so able and active an entomologist as Mr. James Fletcher, the present President of the Society, is likely to prove of vast importance to the country. The active work which is now being carried on will certainly prove of great benefit to the agriculturists of this country, not only by showing what crops it will be best to grow, but also how to preserve those crops from the destructive ravages of their tiny insect foes.

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#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTREAL BRANCH.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Montreal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario was held on May 8, 1888, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, H. H. Lyman; Vice-President, F. B. Caulfield; Secretary-Treasurer, E. C. Trenholme; Council, J. F. Haussen, A. F. Winn.

The reports of the Council and Secretary-Treasurer were read and on motion adopted.

Mr. Lyman shewed some curious varieties of *Callimorpha confusa* taken by Mr. Bethune at Credit and Port Hope, Ontario.

Mr. Winn shewed some interesting Geometers taken at Montreal and other parts of Canada.