

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH, 1902.

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The entomologists of the Club although few in number have been actively engaged during the past season, and a fair number of captures rewarded their efforts. Valuable work has been done in breeding and working out life-histories of Lepidoptera. The most successful collector has been Mr. C. H. Young, who has added several species of nocturnal Lepidoptera to the local list. His collections have been made at Hurdman's Bridge, near his residence, and at Meech Lake, P.Q., in the Laurentian Hills. Mr. Arthur Gibson has continued his studies on the Tiger Moths of the genus *Apantesis*, and has made some interesting discoveries, the results of which will soon appear in print. Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Gibson have reared from eggs several species of insects, the eggs of which have been received from correspondents, or collected in the Rocky Mountains. Among these, perhaps the most interesting are *Erebia Disa* (eggs from Mr. N. B. Sanson) and *Nemeophila petrosa*, from Banff in the Rocky Mountains; *Nemeophila Selwyni* and *Argynnis tricularis* from Nepigon; *Antarctia rufula*, from eggs received from Mr. J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, B.C. Mr. Young also has been successful in rearing local species from the egg and has added many fine series of specimens to his collection of inflated larvæ.

Mr. A. E. Richard has made an important addition to the local butterflies in the interesting little satyrid *Cænonympha inornata*.

Mr. Harrington has devoted much time to Diptera and has added many to previous records of the flies found at Ottawa.

In addition to the work done by the entomologists at the Club general excursions, many sub-excursions were held during the summer, and regular meetings of the Branch are being held during this winter, where short papers are read and free discussion takes place on all matters connected with this branch of research. Much good has resulted from these reunions in stirring up enthusiasm and in helping the members to settle points of identification which are troublesome when students are working alone. At one of these meetings, we were favored with a visit from Mr. J. D. Evans, of