

Meeting held at Mr. Gibson's on 20th November, eight members present, including Mr. T. N. Willing, of Regina, Naturalist to the Province of Saskatchewan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Mr. Halkett showed a specimen of *Dytiscus harrisii*, female, which he had kept alive for some time in an aquarium.

Mr. Harrington exhibited a collection of the most striking local species of *Dytiscus* as well as some rare species of *Coleoptera* from Vancouver Island, including *Calopus aspersus*, *Chariessa elegans*, *Buprestis adjecta* and *Ischalia vancouverensis*.

Mr. Young showed a beautiful collection of micro-lepidoptera of over 2,000 specimens, nearly 200 of which had already been named by Mr. Kearfott, and which included several species new to science. The remarkable neatness and skill shown in mounting were much admired by all present.

Mr. T. N. Willing spoke of the work which is being done in natural history in the North-west Territories and of his efforts to establish at Regina reference collections. Considerable progress had already been made and he hoped that in the near future much more would be done than had been possible in the past. Mr. Willing showed several boxes of insects which he had taken in the West. Insects injurious to crops were not as yet very noticeable in the West, but with the increase of mixed farming and with more land under cultivation these would doubtless appear.

Mr. Baldwin showed a neat cabinet case which he had made himself, including the compressed cork. This was well filled with a fine series of *Catocalas*, and other moths taken at sugar at Graham's Bay, Britannia. The specimens were in perfect condition, and no less than 34 good specimens were taken covering six species of *Catocala*.

Mr. Metcalfe told of his experience in using the floating water net for aquatic insects, which had been very unsatisfactory.

Dr. Fletcher showed a sample of flour badly infested by the beetles and larvæ of *Plinus fur*. This is an occasional pest only of cereal foods but had been sent in three times this autumn. He spoke of the destruction of the seeds of the Silver Maple by a small Nitidulid, *Epurca rufa*, which had been very abundant at