

DEPARTMENT REPORT OF ENTOMOLOGY AT MACDONALD COLLEGE
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I. Historical Review.

At the inception of Macdonald College in 1907 the work in Entomology was included in the Biology Department, the first instructor being Dr. J.M. Swaine, Three courses in entomology were given at that time, (1) a general elementary course to all students (2) one in anatomy and classification for all students and (3) a more advanced course in economic entomology to horticultural and agronomy specialists and selective students. There was at that time no biology or entomology "option", but students were allowed to take a so-called "selective" option. Under this scheme entomology was selected by W.H. Brittain of the first graduating class of Macdonald and now head of the Department, who upon graduation was appointed assistant in the department, to be followed next year by Dr. E.M. DuPorte, who is still connected with the Department as Assistant Professor. Swaine and Brittain both left the Department early in 1912 and Prof. Lochhead, head of the Department took over the teaching of entomology. The general course and the course in economic entomology continued to be given for several years without change. As time went on the courses in morphology and taxonomy were separated and extended and courses in insect ecology, technique, etc., were added under the direction of Dr. DuPorte, these courses being taken at first only by selective students. With the division of the Biology Department into the Entomological and Botanical Departments in 1920, an entomological "option" was instituted.