

Mr. Arnold said that the Pea Bug had committed more damage this year in his neighborhood than ever before. Some friend had recommended him to enclose a piece of camphor in the bags of seed peas with a view of destroying the insect; this he had tried and found useless. Mr. Gott, of Arkona, had not found the beetles so plentiful this year as usual. The subject was discussed at some length, and the general opinion expressed that the most feasible remedy was to cease growing peas for a time in any district where the insect had proved seriously destructive, and thus starve them out.

#### THE MAPLE TREE BORER.

Prof. Bell remarked that he had found this borer, "*Clytus speciosus*," not nearly so common as formerly. Mr. Saunders said that he believed it to be increasing in the neighborhood of London, and that some of the street trees had been seriously injured by it; he also referred to the depredations of another maple borer, "*Aegeria aceris*," a small moth whose larva burrows under the bark of the red maple, "*Acer rubrum*," and in season was quite common on the trunks of the maple trees on our streets. Mr. Reed also reported the maples round his house being much infested by this pest, the empty cocoons being found protruding from the trunks of the trees in quantities during the summer.

A discussion then ensued on the probabilities of new insect pests being introduced from abroad by the importation of grains, seeds and trees, in which several of the members took part. Mr. Weld urged that the Society should call the attention of the Government to the necessity of taking every possible precaution to prevent the introduction of such insects. The President remarked that in his official capacity he had through the Provincial Agricultural Association already brought this matter before the Government, and that some steps in this direction had been taken.

The meeting then assumed an informal character and the members were shown by Messrs. Saunders, Denton and Reed many of the more interesting specimens in the Society's large collections, and also exhibited microscopic specimens illustrating the structure of insects; the valuable library of the Society was also examined by the members and added to the interest of the gathering.

After enjoying a very pleasant and profitable evening the meeting adjourned.