

one on which the caterpillar was feeding, were held together by single silk threads ; not abundant enough to permit of the enclosure being termed a nest, but sufficient to give much protection, and to steady the leaves at the tips of the slender twigs. Perhaps the most interesting observation on these caterpillars was with regard to their behaviour when ready to pupate. Owing to the large amount of silk spun over the food during the caterpillar stage, it was expected that the larvæ would spin cocoons, but instead they wandered restlessly about their cages, sometimes entering the earth at the bottom, but always coming out again, after a short time, and resuming their wanderings, very much in the same way as had been observed of the larvæ of the Cornel Sawfly (*Harpiophors tarsatus*). Profiting by experience with the latter, a piece of rotten wood was supplied to them and they immediately burrowed into it and were no more seen. It is therefore probable that this is the natural method of pupation for this species. The pretty little moth flies very early in the spring, and sometimes is seen before the snow is off the ground,

Of injurious insects particular mention must be made of the Forest Tent-caterpillar (*Clisiocampa disstria*), which, for miles along the Ottawa river, stripped the aspen groves of every vestige of foliage, and also attacked more or less seriously several other varieties of trees. Much attention was attracted by their depredations upon the trees on, and around, Parliament Hill and elsewhere. During a part of July the moths from these caterpillars, as will be remembered, were so remarkably abundant throughout the city for several evenings as to cause considerable inconvenience to pedestrians. This was especially the case in the vicinity of electric lights, and shopkeepers suffered much annoyance from their swarming upon and inside their windows, and flying in through every opening. Immense numbers were destroyed in the arc lamps, and by being trodden under foot as they crawled upon the pavements. It is hoped that these obnoxious moths may not be so abundant next season.

A visit to the Mer Bleue, in the middle of June, resulted in