

at these meetings has been good and the discussions have been extremely interesting.

During the season of 1913 large collections of insects, particularly in the orders Hymenoptera and Diptera, were made, many additions being added to the local lists. The prospects are bright for successful field work during the approaching collecting season.

The tent caterpillars, which were referred to in our last report, were, also in 1913, the most abundant insects in the district. Although certain areas of forest lands, chiefly of birch and poplar, were again defoliated, the damage was not so widespread as that of 1912. The natural parasites and fungous diseases which control the tent caterpillars are increasing, and we do not expect to again see, for many years, such enormous outbreaks of these insects.

At the conclusion of the Club year, the balance on hand is \$28.59.

For accommodation for lectures and Council meetings, the thanks of the Club are due to the management of the Carnegie Library, the Normal School and the Collegiate Institute, and to the press of the city for the free insertion of notices and the publication of reports of excursions and lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

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WINTER NOTES ON ALBERTA HAWKS AND OWLS.

There has been a noticeable absence this winter of the Great Gray Owl, American Hawk Owl and the Snowy Owl in this district. These birds are all irregular winter visitors, arriving from the North about the middle of November and remaining until the middle of March. Some winters they are comparatively plentiful, as many as one or two of each variety may be seen in a single day. In November, 1896, I counted a dozen Hawk Owls in a day's drive of thirty miles, while the following winter, very few, if any, were seen. Different reasons have been advanced for their irregular migration, the most likely of which is the supply of natural food. Hunters returning from the country away north of the Saskatchewan River say that the Rabbit is very plentiful this winter and this no doubt accounts for their not having to move South. I have never seen any of these birds in this locality in the summer.

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