

collections and thus keep up the interest of the public in this important branch of study.

A large part of the collections of Messrs. C. P. Bate, W. Simpson, and R. Bradley was made at Kingsmere in the Chelsea mountains. Amongst the beetles collected were some not previously recorded as having been taken in this locality, e.g., *Myas cyanescens*, 2 specimens Mr. Bradley, *Encyclops ceruleus* and *Xylotrechus sagittarius* Mr. Bate. Mr. Simpson took a fine female of *Pityobius anguinus*, another specimen, a male, was taken by Mr. Fleteher and Mr. Harrington bred a female from a larva found in a decaying log in Beechwood in May, showing that this insect, one of the finest and largest of our Elaters is not so rare here as previously supposed. *Saperda calcarata* the large poplar borer was found in injurious numbers by Messrs. Simpson and Bradley at Kingsmere. They have now a barrellful of infested poplar stems containing many of the larvæ.

The leaders regret exceedingly the loss this branch has sustained, by the return of Rev. G. W. Taylor to British Columbia. Before leaving he had made a critical study of the *Carabidae* with good results; many of the doubtful species in this difficult order were satisfactorily determined and several additions were made to the Ottawa list, particularly in the genus *Bembidium*. In the early spring diligent search was made for the members of this order and large series of specimens were taken. Amongst those not before recorded were *Cylindrus Brevoortii*, *Lachnocrepis parallelus*, *Nebria pallipes*, and *Loricera carulescens*.

Two interesting occurrences of exotic insects imported with fruits were brought to the notice of the leaders by Mr. C. P. Bate. *Blaps mortisaga*, a California beetle, he had found alive walking across a floor in the city. This, from what we could learn, had probably been introduced in a case of dried fruit. A small scorpion was also found by Mr. M. McVeity in a consignment of pineapples from the West Indies. In taking them out of a barrel he was stung on the hand. The weather was cool and the scorpion was sluggish or he would probably have suffered more severely than he did from the sting. As it was, the wound was extremely painful for several hours.

Some attention has been given to the local Hemiptera, and Mr. Harrington gave an afternoon lecture on this order and submitted a