

Toronto, as the chief City in Ontario and the seat of various and important institutions of learning, should furnish us many capable investigators, but I find that the workers there have never been numerous; nor do the local natural history societies appear to have done much to develop them. I must mention, however, our first President, Prof. Croft, with Mr. W. Brodie and Capt. Gamble Geddes. Mr. Brodie has accumulated large collections, and he has published a few interesting articles in our magazine (and more recently in the "Biological Review of Ontario,") upon various gall-forming insects. Capt. Geddes has been a most enthusiastic gatherer of lepidoptera, amassing a collection of butterflies unequalled in Canada, and which has since been purchased by the Geological Survey of Canada. His interesting papers upon Canadian butterflies appear in several volumes of the *Entomologist*.

Port Hope has been the home of Dr. Bethune, so we may rest assured that the country round about has been well investigated. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing his fine collections, and as regards the extent and value of his writings upon insects I have already spoken. At Belleville we have had such well-known collectors as Prof. J. J. Bell and Prof. Macoun. The former paid much attention to the smaller forms of coleoptera, and was a frequent contributor to the *Entomologist*. As for Prof. Macoun, he is now a naturalist of world-wide reputation, who has been most assiduous in making known the fauna and flora of the Dominion, and although the great demands upon his time do not permit him to continue the study of entomology, he still continues, I am glad to say, the collection of insects as opportunity permits. In the neighboring town of Trenton very careful work has been done by Mr. J. D. Evans, one of the most thorough collectors with whom I have corresponded, and whose collections are models of neatness and skill, in mounting and arrangement.

A branch of the Society formerly existed at Kingston, but I do not find the record of any work except by Mr. R. V. Rogers, from whom we have had several interesting papers. With such a well-known university as Queen's located in the city, there should be more activity in the development of the natural history of the locality. Ottawa in the early days of the Society was the residence of one of our most noted collectors, the late Mr. B. Billings, who was a contributor to Vol. I. His collections were extensive and were very carefully and skillfully prepared, but death cut short his labors, and his collections were mostly destroyed through want of proper care on the part of the Society into whose hands they passed. Of recent years there has been an active, if not large, body of investigators, who have striven to develop a full knowledge of the local fauna, and who have been able to do some useful work in other directions. Prof. Saunders is now there, as Director of the Experimental Farms, in connection with which our good friend, Mr. Fletcher, holds the position of Entomologist and Botanist. The value and authority of his official work, and his enthusiasm in all entomological matters, are recognized by every entomologist. Your out-going President is also to be found in the Capital, when at home, but it would not be quite the correct thing to give any opinion on his work, as you might think me a prejudiced judge. The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, organized in 1879, has always had an Entomological Branch, and several other of its members are doing fair work, among whom I may cite Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, one of the few collectors of odonata in Canada. Several entomological lists, with numerous reports and papers have been published in the *Transactions of the Club* (now the *Ottawa Naturalist*), and Mr. Fletcher has now ready for publication a complete catalogue of the Ottawa butterflies.

Occasional workers have been stationed at other points, as, for instance, Rev. V. Clementi at North Drury, Mr. N. H. Cowdry at Stratford and Mr. B. Gott at Arkona. In the Lake Superior region the only sustained work has been by Mr. Evans at Sudbury, where he made a most interesting, and fairly complete, collection in several orders. Many rare insects have been captured by him and it is much to be regretted that he has not yet found time to publish the lists which he has had in preparation. Nipigon has several times been visited by Mr. Fletcher, and in one of the annual reports can be found an interesting account of the work done there. Dr. Bethune has also published observations made during a trip to Lakes Huron and Superior.