

described by Mr. W. D. Kearfott, of Montclair, N.J., who is making a specialty of these beautiful insects. Mr. W. Metcalfe has continued his studies of the local hemiptera and has added many new records. Mr. J. W. Baldwin made a very remarkable capture of the West Indian moth, *Melipotis fasciolaris*, Hbn. It can only be surmised that the chrysalis of this handsome moth may have been introduced, as has been the case with many other insects, in a bunch of bananas. The Ottawa Fruit Exchange building is close to Mr. Baldwin's house, where the insect was taken in the garden. Six specimens of the handsome elater, *Pityobius anguinus*, Lec, figured in the first Transactions of the Club under the name of *Pityobius billingsii*, were taken by Messrs. Baldwin and Gibson at the electric light on the 28th June. A month later a fine female was taken by Dr. Fletcher, floating on the surface of water, into which it had fallen. Many other insects of more or less interest were taken during the summer and the interest in this branch of work has been kept up steadily. Good work has been done by the leaders in working out life-histories of beneficial and injurious insects.

GEOLOGICAL BRANCH.

Members of the Geological Branch have make special study of some interesting localities in the Ottawa district. The sands and gravels of McKay Lake have been examined and special study has been made of the geology of Strathcona Park, where the excavations in the Utica have afforded an excellent opportunity for studying that formation; the Chazy at Rockcliffe has yielded an excellent series of slabs exhibiting tracks and trails of marine organisms. The most interesting local find, however, was the discovery of a large number of curved hornblende crystals in a vein of mica at Carp. These curved crystals were new to the geologists and hitherto unrecorded in Canada.

BOTANICAL BRANCH.

The Botanical Branch has held fortnightly meetings throughout the year except during the summer months. The most important matter taken up was the publication of a complete list of the plants of the Ottawa district. Since Dr. Fletcher's "Flora Ottawaensis" was published many new species have been added to