

had been very abundant for the past two seasons in Western Ontario.

Mr. Halkett read an extract from Wallace on variability in insects, which lead to some discussion on the well known mimicking of certain butterflies by others of different genera.

Mr. Metcalfe reported that he was continuing his work of preparing a list of hemiptera of the locality and exhibited a few species including a very young *Ranatra* and a winged example of *Coriscus subcoleoptratus*. He also exhibited a female *Prionus Californicus*, which was taken by him on July 31, 1905, at Grierson's Wharf on the Ottawa River about 25 miles from Ottawa. The insect was in flight when observed and captured. It was suggested by Mr. Harrington that the beetle must have come east on one of the train of the C. P. R., which runs down along the Ottawa river. The specimen was compared with examples from Vancouver Isd. and seemed to be identical.

Dr. Fletcher drew special attention to a curious beetle, received from Mr. J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, B. C., in a box of very interesting coleoptera, but was unable to furnish the name, as even the genus was unknown to him and to Mr. Harrington. It was thought to belong to the Cupesidæ, as it had many of the characteristics of that family.

Mr. Gibson, showed a good example of the work of a *Megachile*, the Rose-leaf-cutter Bee, in which several of the cells were visible. He also spoke of a collection of lepidoptera which had been determined for Mr. John Russell, of Digby, N. S. Among the most interesting specimens were the following:—*Thecla lata*, *Semiophora youngii*, *Mamestra rubefacta*, *Hadena minuscula*, *Hadena bridghami*, *Catocala cælebs* and *Grapta satyrus*, var. *marsyas*. A specimen was also exhibited of the Lesser Magpie Moth, *Eurrhypara urticata*, collected at Milton, N. S., by Mr. W. H. Moore. This was the first American record for this European insect, which was stated by Dr. Fletcher to have been also taken by Mr. W. McIntosh at St. John, N. B., where it was not uncommon.

Mr. Young exhibited Vol. VI of Sir George Hampson's catalogue of the *Phalænæ* in the British Museum. The exquisite plates accompanying the volume were much admired by the members and were specially interesting from the many moths figured which had been found in Canada. A large number credited to Colorado in this volume have also been taken in Manitoba, the North-west Provinces and British Columbia. Several of the members availed themselves of the opportunity of examining Mr. Harrington's collections and entomological library.

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