

the most noticeable injuries caused by insects last season to the various crops.

In the United States great attention is still paid to the study of Economic Entomology. Several of the States, as well as the Federal Government, make liberal provisions for the investigations of appointed Entomologists.

The published Reports of such investigations are exceedingly valuable ; and furnish, with the exception of that supplied by the Entomological Society of Ontario, almost the only reliable information regarding the injurious insects infesting our orchards, fields and gardens.

It is a matter of no little importance that as full information as can be obtained should be, as widely as possible, circulated among our farmers, and to this end the appointment of an Entomologist by the Department of Agriculture is an important step in the right direction.

The President then delivered his annual address.

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OF ONTARIO.

Gentlemen,—The season of 1885 has not been distinguished by any unusual invasion by injurious insect hosts. Nothing assuming the proportion of a general or serious calamity in this direction has occurred in any department of agriculture or horticulture ; nevertheless instances have not been wanting where local injuries caused by insects have assumed considerable proportions, the sum total of which, if the results were expressed in money loss, would represent a very large sum.

The great staple productions of our country, such as wheat, oats, barley and hay, have not, so far as we have been able to learn, suffered material injury from insects in any locality in our Province, but while the farmers of Ontario have thus been exempt, our neighbors across the lines have not enjoyed the same immunity. In the neighbouring State of New York the loss occasioned by the Hessian Fly has been estimated at over \$100,000. In the great wheat fields on the Pacific slope, and also in those of Dacotah and other Western States, there have been much severer losses from the same cause. Early in August I received from a correspondent in Dallas, Oregon, samples of wheat seriously injured by another destructive insect which as yet, happily, has not to our knowledge occurred in Canada. This is a small yellowish worm from one-sixth to one-fifth of an inch in length, which is found within the stalk of wheat about