

Mr. Harrington stated that *Oberea tripunctata* had been found very abundant at Ottawa. He remembered it also as being general in 1873.

Mr. Reed called attention to an extract from a newspaper showing that railroad cars may often be the vehicles of carrying destructive moths from one part of the country to another. The extract stated that the writer was often struck by the number of "*Aletia*" on the trains, and that he had observed that there was a sort of coincidence last season between lines of railroad and abundance of cotton worms.

Mr. Reed said that he had noticed fewer specimens of *Aletia* this year than for some seasons past, although a few had within a few days been caught in his residence.

Mr. Reed also said that *Aegeria acerni* had been very prevalent in the neighborhood of London this season.

Rev. Mr. Fyles reported that *Aegeria tricincta* had been taken at Como, P. Q., and also that he had taken two larvæ of *P. satellitia*.

Mr. Fletcher showed an aberrant specimen of *Notodonta americana* that had emerged from basswood in autumn instead of spring; he also reported the capture at Ottawa of *Ellema Harrisii*.

An interesting discussion then took place on the transmission of insects through the mail, and the best method of relaxing specimens.

In answer to Rev. Mr. Fyles, Mr. Fletcher said that we had not in Canada any plant which could be used as a substitute for the Laurel so extensively used by European entomologists, not only for killing the insects, but for keeping them for a long time in a relaxed condition without spoiling. He had tried the young leaves of some of the different species of wild cherry, which contain prussic acid; but had found that although it killed the insects, it soon became mouldy.

Mr. Reed had found moist sand an excellent means of relaxing Lepidoptera, and boiling water for Coleoptera.

The meeting finally passed a resolution requesting Mr. J. Fletcher to prepare for the use of the members a short circular giving instructions for relaxing specimens, and also the best plan of packing them for transmission through the mail.

This Mr. Fletcher undertook to do, remarking that he himself had found the process of nature-printing a very useful mode of sending Lepidoptera for identification.

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