

A letter from Mr. C. W. Peterson Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Regina, was then read, in which he remarked among other things upon the importance of investigations into the insect life of the country, and mentioned an estimate of damage done by insects to crops of the United States at \$300,000,000 per annum, and concluded with expressions of the Commissioner's appreciation of the President's efforts to create an interest in Entomological and Botanical matters in Alberta and the Territories.

A letter from Dr. L. O. Howard was also read, in which, after wishing success to the President's work, Dr. Howard remarked that though the actual value of this class of work could not fairly be reckoned in dollars and cents, yet that there was no doubt that hundreds of thousands of dollars were saved to the farmers of the United States every year by the carrying out of the recommendations of the State Entomologists. Dr. Howard also, in approving of the encouragement of nature study in the local schools, advised the display of insects characteristic to the locality.

The Chairman then read the Report of Council.

The election of fresh members then took place; and the election of officers for the ensuing year; Percy B. Gregson remaining President of the Society.

The Rev. Matthew White, of Lacombe, was elected Vice-President: Arthur D. Gregson, J. P., of Waghorn, the Librarian-Curator; Percy B. Gregson, the Secretary-Treasurer; and the Rev. J. Hinchliffe of Red Deer, Alta.; William Wenman of Red Deer; T. N. Willing of Olds; and F. H. Wolley-Dod of Calgary, as Members of Council.

Before conclusion of proceedings, Mr. C. T. Daykin announced to the meeting that the President had already arranged to give every month at the Waghorn School-house a short sketch on the life of some insect, or of some other phase of nature, and its economic value, and the date would be published in newspapers in time for every one to attend, and the sketches would interest not only the young folk but "grown ups."

The Chairman then read a letter just received by the President from Mr. Arthur G. Wolley-Dod (Vice-President of the Calgary, and Secretary of the Fish Creek, Agricultural Societies), requesting the President to prepare a short treatise on insects and their value as regards agriculture, which he could read at the forthcoming Agricultural Societies' annual meetings in December.

The Secretary of the Lacombe Agricultural Society also requested a paper by the President for reading at the December annual meeting of the Lacombe Agricultural Society.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the proceedings terminated.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

In submitting its First Annual Report, the Council take the opportunity of recording their sincere expressions of gratitude to the many gentlemen high in the Entomological and Agricultural worlds for their sympathy—their actual co-operation—with the work of the North-west (Oanac) Entomological Society. The Society has embarked in an enterprise in a distant and comparatively unknown land, whose settlers are pioneers and from many parts of the globe, and untutored; and the advantage to the Council in having advice from such men as the Founders of the Entomological Society of Ontario, Dr. James Fletcher, Dr. L. O. Howard, and Mr. C. W. Peterson, cannot be overvalued.

The Society's Collection of Insects has been greatly augmented by gifts from Dr. Sanson, of Banff; Dr. Herman Strecker, of Reading, Pa.; and Dr. Henry Skinner; and other gentlemen, including Messrs. W. Wenman, E. F. Heath, T. N. Willing, H. Hutchinson, A. W. Hanham, and A. J. Dennis have kindly promised examples representative of their respective districts. The Society's Collections are always on view to the public.

Mr. E. Baynes Reed, the Rev. Dr. Bethune and Prof. James have presented to the President the entire set of Reports of the Entomological Society of Ontario. Dr. James Fletcher, a full set of his Reports since the establishment of the Ottawa Experimental