

of fifteen drawers, filled with specimens, was bequeathed to the Society by its first Curator, the late Rev. James Hubbert.

In 1875 the attention of the Society was drawn to the desirability of sending a collection of Canadian insects to the Centennial Exhibition to be held at Philadelphia during the following year, and measures were taken to carry the project into effect. Aided by a grant of \$500 from the Commissioners appointed by the Dominion Government, the work was entered upon with great activity by the members resident in London. A specimen case of the kind used at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge, Mass., was procured from Dr. Hagen, and a large number of similar style were constructed. A supply of sheet cork, of double the ordinary thickness, for lining the cases was obtained from England. All the members in London who had collections generously placed them at the disposal of the Committee who had charge of the work, and many others, resident in different parts of Ontario and Quebec, liberally assisted in supplying specimens to fill any requirements for the completion of the exhibit.

The work went on during many months, and in the spring of 1876 the collection was completed and sent to Philadelphia, where it arrived without injury to a single specimen. It consisted of eighty-six cases, forty-five of which were filled with Lepidoptera, twenty-seven with Coleoptera, three with Hymenoptera, five with Neuroptera (including the Odonata and some other orders), two with Hemiptera, three with Diptera and one with Orthoptera. When spread out in the Agricultural Hall they formed a double row more than seventy-five feet long and presented a very attractive appearance.

In order to ensure correctness in naming, all doubtful specimens were submitted to specialists as far as possible. Mr. A. R. Grote, the leading authority on the Lepidoptera, twice visited London, and on each occasion spent some days in carefully going over the collection. The Coleoptera were largely named by Dr. G. H. Horn, the Geometers were submitted to Dr. A. S. Packard, and the Neuroptera were identified by Dr. Hagen. The value of the collections for purposes of reference was thus immensely increased. Years afterwards the Noctuids were inspected by Dr. John B. Smith, and he could find but few instances of mis-identi-