

Mr. Elliott exhibited some galls found on Hackberry, *Celtis occidentalis*, which are probably the work of a *Psylla*. This elicited a discussion on the very remarkable distribution of the tree in Canada, which occurs in small numbers in isolated localities, as for instance at Como, P.Q., Ottawa, Bowmanville and the neighborhood of London.

Mr. H. Stevenson showed an interesting prickly gall from the wild blackberry, *Rubus villosus*, which was probably produced by a *Rhodites*.

The Rev. T. W. Fyles read a paper on "Notes of the year 1893." In the discussion that followed, Mr. Fletcher stated that he had found *Telea polyhemus* on *Cornus*; he had also found *Catantopha acerisella* very abundant on maple trees at Ottawa. *Nisoniades Horatius* was this year quite common on Columbine (*Aquilegia*); of *Argynnis tricularis* he had taken seven specimens near Ottawa, a butterfly that hitherto has only been known to occur in the barren lands of the Peace River.

Mr. McGill exhibited his patent Composition Tree-protector, which is very simple in construction, easy to apply and an excellent defence against canker-worms, and also useful as an attractive hiding-place for codling worms and other larvæ.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the Society held a public meeting in its room in Victoria Hall at 8 o'clock, which was largely attended by members and other friends from London and the vicinity. In addition to those already mentioned as present in the afternoon, the following were noticed: Rev. Dr. Andras, Mr. J. Foote, Dr. Woolverton, Dr. Wilson and others. The chair was taken by Mr. Denton, the Vice-President, who apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mr. Harrington, the President of the Society.

#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The following report was then read by the Secretary and adopted:

The Council of the Entomological Society of Ontario beg to present the following report of the proceedings of the Society during the past year. The membership of the Society shows a considerable increase over that of last year, especially in the addition of a large number from the Province of Ontario. Much interest has continued to be taken in the various departments of the Society and much satisfactory work has been accomplished.

The Twenty-third Annual Report on practical and general Entomology was presented to the Minister of Agriculture in November last, and was printed and distributed early in January. It consisted of eighty-eight pages and was illustrated with forty-five wood cuts. The report contained, among other interesting matter, a remarkable paper by Mr. S. H. Scudder on "The Songs of our Grasshoppers and Crickets"; a long and interesting account by Rev. T. W. Fyles of "A visit to the Canadian Haunts of the late P. H. Gosse," which was especially noticed by the *Toronto Globe* of April 6th, and other newspapers; also a timely article by Mr. Fletcher on the Horn fly.

The *Canadian Entomologist* has been regularly issued at the beginning of each month and completed its twenty-fourth volume in December last. It consisted of 323 pages, being the largest number yet issued. Ten numbers of the twenty-fifth volume have been published, each averaging twenty-six pages. The Council take this opportunity of thanking their numerous contributors, among whom are included all the leading Entomologists of North America, for their valued assistance, which has enabled them to maintain the position held for so many years of being one of the leading Entomological journals of the world, as well as the best in America. The library has been increased by the addition of seventy valuable works, making the whole number of volumes in the rooms of the Society nearly thirteen hundred.