

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in London at the Society's Rooms, Victoria Hall, on Wednesday, October 3rd, 1883, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The President, Mr. William Saunders, of London, Ont., in the chair.

*Present* :—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, M.A., Port Hope; Rev. T. W. Fyles, Levis, P.Q.; James Fletcher, Ottawa; R. A. Hanham, Paris; W. H. Harrington, Ottawa; J. M. Denton, London; B. Gott, Arkona; A. Puddicombe, London; F. C. Lowe, Dunnville; H. P. Bock, London; W. E. Saunders, London; J. Magnus Johnston, London; the Secretary-Treasurer, E. Baynes Reed, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, the reading being dispensed with, as they had already been printed, and sent to the members.

The President addressed a few words of welcome to the members, expressing the pleasure which the London brethren felt at meeting their fellow-workers from the various parts of the Province.

The Report of the Council and the Financial Statement of the Secretary-Treasurer or the past year were then read, and on motion duly received, discussed, and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1883.

The Council desire in presenting their Annual Report to congratulate the members on the continued activity and prosperity of the Entomological Society of Ontario. The stimulus given to our scientific and economic work by the meeting last year in Montreal, when we were favoured with the presence and co-operation of so many distinguished entomologists, has done much to promote Entomology in Canada, and we look forward with additional satisfaction to the prospect of meeting some of our European fellow-labourers at the scientific gathering of the British Association which is to be held next year in Montreal.

A large number of the insects in our collection have been forwarded for exhibition at the International Fisheries Exhibition now being held in Great Britain, your Council having gladly acceded to the request of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to add in this way to the interest of the Dominion exhibit. The collection arrived in England safely, and has attracted much attention, and has added to the reputation already possessed by the Society; every precaution has been taken for the safety of this collection and its due return.

During the year a very complete general Index to our thirteen Annual Reports has been prepared, which has added greatly to their value.

Early in the spring we were honoured with a request from the Royal Society of Canada to send a representative to their meeting, which was to be held in Ottawa in May. The Council appointed Mr. James Fletcher, who duly attended the meeting of that learned body, and read a statement of the objects and condition of the Society.

At the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, our Society was represented by the President, who has prepared a report of the proceedings of the Entomological Club for publication in the Society's Annual Report.

The Council purpose still to continue their efforts to obtain a more liberal interpretation of the existing Customs' regulations, so as to render such supplies as our Society may need for its scientific work free of duty. Efforts have also been made through the Royal Society of Canada to obtain more favourable postal regulations for the transmission of entomological and botanical specimens in order to facilitate exchanges between students in this country and those in Europe and America.

The thanks of the Society are due to Prof. James Bell, of Albert College, Belleville, who has kindly contributed a variety of beautifully prepared microscopical objects for the use of the Society.

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