

Nocturnal Lepidoptera;" (2) by Mr. Saunders, "Observations and Notes on Insects during the past season."

The meeting also assembled in the evening for the purpose of examining specimens, comparing notes, &c, and adjourned after a couple of hours spent very pleasantly.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

REPORT FOR 1864.

The Council of the Entomological Society of Canada, in presenting their *Second Annual Report* beg to congratulate the members upon the very satisfactory progress that has already been made by the Society. During the past year, two branches have been formed in connection with it; one at Quebec, C. E.; the other at London, C. W., both of which are now in active operation. This is a course that will, we trust, be followed by entomologists in other parts of Canada, and thus a strong society will be formed, which may successfully carry out the study of the insect fauna of Canada. The Quebec Branch now contains *twelve* members, and has already formed a goodly collection of native insects; four papers were read during the year, and meetings were regularly held in the rooms of the Literary and Historical Society; its proceedings are published in the "Canadian Naturalist and Geologist." The London Branch was organized on the 1st of July, 1864, and now numbers *fifteen* members: monthly meetings, at which five papers were read, were held at the houses of members in rotation, and during the season, the mornings of every Monday were devoted to field excursions. The Parent Society, exclusive of the Branches, is now composed of *twenty-one* members; the whole number is, therefore, *forty-eight*, an increase of *twelve* during the year. Three general meetings of the Society have been held, and several field-meetings also, during the summer months. Six papers have been read, and several valuable contributions to the library have been received. The number of donations of specimens of insects to the Cabinet of the Society, is particularly gratifying,—the whole number now amounting to upwards of 2,500. Moreover, in addition to these, a large number of European insects, of various orders, has been brought out for the Society by the Secretary,—the gift chiefly of Francis Walker, Esq., F.L.S., of the British Museum, London,—these have not yet been arranged in the cabinet provided for them by the Canadian Institute, but will ere long be put in their proper places. A list of Canadian Lepidoptera, embracing all the Rhopalocera and the groups Sphingina and Bombycina of the Heterocera has been published; the remainder is under preparation. The Council, in conclusion, cannot refrain from expressing their regret that the Society has been deprived of the active co-operation of Dr. B. R. Morris, of Toronto, who lately left this country for England. His interest in our proceedings will, we trust, be continued as a corresponding member.

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Secretary.