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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council presented their report for 1887-8 as follows:

1. They have much pleasure in recording the continued progress of the Society; the membership has been considerably increased during the year and the prospects are encouraging for still further accessions to the roll.

2. The Council have noticed with great satisfaction that the important Department of Agriculture has been placed under the charge of a separate Minister of the Government. They desire to avail themselves of this opportunity to tender their respectful congratulations to the Hon. Charles Drury, who has so recently accepted the important and responsible position of Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, and to assure him that the members of the Entomological Society recognize the value of his long and practical experience as an agriculturist.

3. The *Canadian Entomologist*, the organ of the Society, has been issued with promptness, and it has maintained to the full its well earned reputation as a scientific periodical. It is the intention of the Council to endeavour to make its value and usefulness still more marked, and to publish papers on economic and popular entomology, more especially adapted to interest beginners in the study of this branch of natural history. The chief object of the Entomological Society is to familiarize the fruit-grower and the agriculturist with the many and varied forms of insect life, and while teaching them to distinguish between friends and foes to endeavour to discover and apply practical remedies for insect depredations.

4. During the past season the attention of the Society has been called to what is known as "Silver-top" in the hay crop, which, in some districts has seriously affected the value of the yield. It is believed to be the work of a "Thrips." Acting under the suggestion of the Society, experiments have been tried in ploughing up the old pasture lands where the pest seemed most injurious, and it is hoped that this treatment may be found beneficial. Close attention will be given to this matter during next season.

5. The Council desire to be informed of any insect attacks on the various crops, and they invite, as heretofore, correspondence on these matters, and will gladly hold themselves in readiness to give any practical information and assistance that may be in their power.

6. The Library has been added to during the year and now forms a very valuable collection of natural history works of reference.

7. The fine collections of the Society have received the attention of the Council during the year. The Lepidoptera have been carefully revised and rearranged in the most suitable manner, so as to afford opportunity for comparison. It is intended, as soon as possible, to treat the collection of Coleoptera in the same manner.

8. In accordance with the custom of the Society, a deputation was sent to attend the meeting of the Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The President (Mr. Jas. Fletcher) and the Editor (Rev. Dr. Bethune) attended the session at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Fletcher had the honour of being elected

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