

these southern birds drift north to fill the areas depleted by snow, but nobody knows.

It seems cruel to kill quail when so many less interesting and useful game birds exist, but the harder, in reason, land is shot over, the better. Otherwise the parent birds live to become barren, or one only of the original pair dies by accident. Districts that never see a gun, deteriorate and a single healthy young bird alive at the beginning of the mating season means a full sized brood at that place in the autumn. In Europe, however, eggs are taken from one nest to another, to provide change in blood.

Cats and cur dogs are the worst enemies. As farmers learn to appreciate the good birds do, it may become illegal to own or harbor pussy.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO, 1914.

SOME PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS.

To one who has not previously taken part in gatherings of that character, the meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario held at Toronto, Nov. 5th and 6th, were of unusual interest. To begin with, there was the mixing with kindred spirits from all parts of the country, not forgetting our neighbors and co-workers from the south; for in the broad realms of science boundaries present little significance and those in its pursuit come as near to the ideal of universal brotherhood as any class I know of. This mixing, then, of men from all parts having similar aims, was by no means the least profitable of the proceedings and certainly not the least enjoyable.

To me, of course, many of the faces were new, though the men were in other ways old friends. It would be difficult to enlarge upon the characteristics or qualities of some without neglecting others equally worthy of note and yet it would be equally impossible to enumerate all in this short paper. I will, therefore, briefly touch upon a few picked out almost at random from those who were present.

Mention should first be made of our worthy President, Dr. Hewitt, who presided over the meetings, and whose presidential address, an exhaustive account of the rise and progress of Economic Entomology in Canada, was much appreciated by the audience. Dr. Bethune, an old and prized correspondent, and Dr. Fyles, another veteran, were present, the latter presenting a paper entitled "Mountains and Hills," written in his