

stewed or fried, or, in fact, cooked in any way suitable for mushrooms, will bear witness to their delicious flavor.

The day was too dull for insects to be moving about, but close search revealed many specimens. Large numbers of the bug *Lygaeus turcicus* were seen clustered on several kinds of plants. A single specimen of the Monarch butterfly was found by one of the ladies. Although late in the season some larvæ were still found to be feeding. The false caterpillars of one of the sawflies were seen in numbers feeding on willow, and a single specimen of the larva of the noctuid moth, *Apatele impressa*, was collected. A specimen of the moth, *Noctua clandestina*, was found beneath a flat slab of stone, and one of *Xylina grotei*, which was resting on a flower. Some colonies of ants were examined, the species being the common ones, *Lasius niger* var. and *Myrmica scabrinodes* var. Mr. G. E. Sanders found a specimen of *Cremastogaster lineolata* attached by its jaws to the antenna of a specimen of *M. scabrinodes*. Several lately dealeated queens of a *Lasius* species were found hibernating under stones. The case-bearer, *Coleophora tilia joliella*, was collected from basswood by Mr. G. O. McMillan. This species is rare in the Ottawa district.

Beneath a flat stone a young milk snake was found. It had evidently but recently gone into hibernation. Scurrying across a pasture field was an old ground hog, and down at the creek many specimens of the interesting clay nodules were seen and examples taken by members of the party.

Birds were scarce with the exception of robins, quite a number of which were seen.

At 5 o'clock the party left the creek, all feeling that they had had a most delightful afternoon.

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REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH, 1909.

The Leaders of the Entomological Branch present herewith a brief report for the year 1909. The members of the Branch have been active during the year, not only in the Ottawa district, but elsewhere throughout Canada. The season on the whole, comparatively speaking, was a poor one for collecting purposes, but where any systematic work was done, many desirable species were captured or found. In the Ottawa district a number of interesting specimens were taken, chiefly of the orders Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, Coleoptera and Neuroptera. All of these captures have not as yet been worked up. A beginning has been made of a list of neuropteroid insects, exclusive of Odonata.