

he dare also noticed, after which the interesting digest of work done in economic entomology in Canada is carefully considered.

How to controll injurious insects by remedies, by natural enemies, by vegetable parasites, is then considered at length and the excellent work done by Giard in France, by Snow in Kansas, by Forbes in Illinois, by Thaxter in Massachussetts is recorded. This interesting as well as useful address closes with methods of treatment from an agricultural standpoint and an appeal for systematic co-operation.

(2) The "*Naturaliste Canadien*" is doing good work in distributing useful information in economic entomology. Many of its articles are profusely illustrated by wood-cuts and some of our garden and farm pests can be readily identified by the readers.

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**Pictou Academy.**—The Academy building, Pictou, Nova Scotia, was struck by lightning in the night of Oct. 29th. and destroyed by fire. We regret to have to chronicle this loss to education and science. All the original collections of fresh-water sponges, snakes, as well as minerals, which Dr. A. H. MacKay had made and stored in the Museum and laboratories of the Academy, perished in the flames. We heartily sympathize with Dr. MacKay and with the principal, staff and trustees of the Academy in this loss. We learn with pleasure that the Academy is to be rebuilt with modern improvements. It is earnestly hoped that the building will be a fire-proof one, so that some of the valuable collections of books and specimens which were saved from the flames will not be subjected to such risks.

The collections which we had the pleasure of examining in the Academy, in October 1895, only a few days before the fire, were most valuable and reflected great credit upon Dr. MacKay and the Pictou people who had worked so energetically in building up one of the most important local museums in the country. Donations to the new Academy Museum will soon be in order.