

entomologists in North America, as well as popular articles giving descriptions of and remedies for such insect foes as may have been found particularly injurious to our forest trees and field crops.

In addition to this, a circular is being now prepared for circulation among the farmers and agriculturists of the Province, requesting them to report as promptly as possible on any insects which they may find injuring their crops, with a view to the suggestion of appropriate remedies.

The membership of the Society still increases and now stands at about 400, and we have on our roll members who are working for us in every province in the Dominion, as well as many of the leading entomologists in the United States. We have, however, to deplore, with the whole scientific world, the loss by death during the past year of some of our most active members. Of these special mention may be made of Prof. Croft, the founder of our Society, and Dr. J. L. LeConte, the celebrated Coleopterist.

The large collections of the Society have been further added to and the library considerably augmented, their usefulness for purposes of reference and study thus being much increased.

At the request of the Dominion Government, the Society undertook the preparation of a collection of specimens designed to illustrate insects injurious and beneficial to fish, to be exhibited in the International Fisheries Exhibition held last year in England. This collection, consisting of 40 cases, was prepared and sent forward to London, where it formed a most useful and attractive feature of the Canadian exhibit, and its merits were recognized by the award of a silver medal.

The Council of the Entomological Society of Ontario are glad to learn that the suggestions contained in their report to your honorable Society last year, with regard to increased facilities for the transmission of natural history specimens by mail, are, in response to a petition from the naturalists and students of science in Canada, receiving favorable consideration from the Hon. the Postmaster General, and they trust that the Royal Society of Canada will continue to use its influence in this direction on behalf of the students of natural history.

JAMES FLETCHER,, Delegate.

The President then delivered his annual address, as follows :—