

From time to time birds of usually more southern latitudes extend their range northward and for a time at least become domicile, occasionally permanently so, as the Square-tail, or Prairie Chicken of the south, which is now even more numerous than the native Sharp-tailed Grouse in the open country. The Bluebird, on the other hand, for a few years became fairly numerous and then gradually decreased again, though it is yet found breeding in small numbers. The Purple Martin is another fluctuating species. Yet another that has recently moved north and eastward is the Arkansas Kingbird. Dr. Speechly records two pairs as nesting at Pilot Mound both this year and last, while we at Aweme have seen two, and a pair are breeding only a few miles away in the village of Treesbank in some trees surrounding a house. The bird is not uncommon in the southern portions of the provinces to the west of us.

MEETING OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH.

The first meeting for this winter of the Botanical Branch was held at the residence of Mr. R. B. Whyte, 370 Wilbrod St., on Saturday evening, November the 30th. There were present the following members: Dr. Malte, Messrs. J. M. Macoun, W. T. Macoun, L. H. Newman, E. D. Eddy, James Lawler, A. Eastham, J. W. Gibson, A. E. Attwood, J. J. Carter, J. W. Eastham, W. Dreher, H. A. Honeyman, F. T. Shutt, T. E. Clarke and Dr. E. H. Blackader.

The subject was "A Summer in Britain", by the Chairman for the evening, Mr. Whyte. He illustrated his observations by lantern views taken during the course of his trip; and he had about seventy-five very interesting photographic plates that were thrown on the screen by Mr. J. W. Gibson.

He travelled in company with Prof. Hutt of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and they went direct to London, where they made their headquarters during the five weeks they spent in England. From there they made daily trips in and outside of London, wherever they had an opportunity of studying the methods of horticulture and of decorative gardening as practised there.

Their first visit was to Covent Gardens Market, where they were amazed at the extent and variety of the fruits and flowers for sale. One section was entirely devoted to wild plants and flowers, natives of Great Britain. Other sections were devoted to small fruits such as strawberries, gooseberries, currants, raspberries and loganberries, and he remarked on the fineness of their quality, especially of the strawberries. One producer