

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario was held in Ottawa, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sept., 1903. Among those present were Prof. W. Lochhead, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, President of the Society; J. D. Evans, Vice-President, Trenton; W. E. Saunders, London, Secretary; Dr. L. O. Howard, U. S. Entomologist, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Dr. Bethune, London; H. H. Lyman, A. F. Winn, C. Stevenson, G. A. Moore, and A. E. Norris, Montreal; J. B. Williams, Toronto; Dr. James Fletcher, Arthur Gibson, C. H. Young, W. H. Harrington, Dr. Blackadar, Dr. C. Guillet, T. J. McLaughlin, and other residents of Ottawa.

On Thursday morning a meeting of the Council was held, and during the afternoon, beginning at 2.30, the reports of the Council, District Directors, Delegate to the Royal Society, and of the Montreal, Toronto and Quebec Branches of the Society, were presented. The reports of the Directors dealt chiefly with outbreaks of injurious insects in the different Districts represented, while those from the Branches reviewed the work carried on during the year.

The first paper on the programme was one by Rev. Dr. Bethune, of London, Ont., "A menace to the Shade trees of London, Ont." This made mention of the presence, particularly on maple trees, of millions of the Cottony Maple Scale. These insects occurred in great numbers along the lower sides of the branches, resembling large woolly deposits on the trees, being very unsightly and at the same time injurious. Mr. H. H. Lyman, of Montreal, read a paper "Two Remarkable Aberrations (Lepidoptera)," in which he recorded the capture in Montreal of a most beautiful form of *Spilosoma virginica*, which was clearly and definitely banded with black, as in *Colias philodice*, and one of *Melitæa phæton*, which lacked the white spots above. A paper "Additions to Quebec Syrphidæ," by Mr. Gus. Chagnon, was presented, and gave interesting new records of the collection in that province of flies belonging to this family.

On Thursday evening in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School, the President, Prof. W. Lochhead, delivered his inaugural address, "The Progress of Entomology in Ontario." This was a practical address, very suitable to the occasion, and contained