

tions from out of the way localities, desiderata whether by exchange or otherwise, and perhaps in some cases be illustrated by half-tone cuts of the museum or room in which they are housed.

It is hoped that all our members will co-operate, so that the series, when complete, will really be contributed to by everyone who has a collection. Our Society is unique in having its Branches and individual members scattered over such a wide area, and if this series of articles is helpful in bringing the members from Halifax, N.S., to Victoria, B.C., into closer touch with one another, one of its objects will have been attained.

It seems fitting that the first article should deal with the collections of our Society at its headquarters at Guelph, and the Rev. Dr. Bethune has kindly consented to write it. So far as practicable other articles will appear in order geographically from east to west—the collections in the Maritime Provinces next, followed by the Province of Quebec, and so on westward. It is not at all necessary that the same plan of describing the collections should be adopted throughout the series; on the contrary the more individuality about them the better, but for the benefit of visiting entomologists it is desirable that no collection should be overlooked, and that the owners should not be so modest as to hesitate about having their treasures referred to in print.

At this most critical time in our history every topic discussed leads to the subject of the war, and there is no doubt that when the end comes and peace reigns again there will be a great demand for insect material from Canada, especially from the entomologists of the British Isles, which we will more cheerfully than ever supply if it be in our power. There must also be, unfortunately, scores of enthusiastic collectors in Belgium, in France and in Poland whose homes have been laid waste by the enemy and whose collections have been absolutely destroyed. Of those who return most will, in their spare minutes, turn from their hatred of man to the love of nature and will at once begin to form new collections. To any such, it is hardly necessary to say that the entomologists of Canada will be found ready to send any material they have, or can obtain, that will be of interest in connection with their studies.

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