

gooseberry bushes. Dr. Fletcher describes this insect very fully under the name of the Black Gooseberry-borer, and gives excellent illustrations of its different stages and of its work. It will be remembered that the drawings from which these figures were made were exhibited at one of the Club Soirées. The most important insect, however, and one which has received very marked attention in this province, is the San José Scale, which, in spite of the vigorous action taken by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, has continued to extend its area of infestation. A very instructive chapter on spraying concludes the report, which is a most valuable addition to those previously published by the author. Now that the Chemist and his laboratory have been provided with a new building, there will undoubtedly be more room allotted to the entomologist and with increased assistance, he will be in a better position to carry on investigations which are of such practical importance, not only to the agricultural class, but to the entire community, which subsists upon the products which reward the labours of the farmer. When the crops are lessened or deteriorated through insect depredations, the welfare of the whole country must correspondingly suffer. Hence the necessity for investigating such depredations and of devising simple and efficient remedies for checking them—W.H.H.

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#### WINTER SOIRÉES.

The Soirée Committee will meet during the present week for the purpose of preparing the lecture programme for the winter months. Arrangements have been made for several interesting papers but as the members of the committee cannot personally call upon all the members of the club, they ask that those who have prepared papers, or are willing to do so, communicate their titles to some member of the committee at as early a date as possible.