

Printed notices of several projected publications were laid on the table, including Prospectus of a new Botanical Journal by John T. Syme, Hon. M. B. S. C., and of a new edition of the Entomological Writings of Harris, by W. Sharswood, M. B. S. C.

Professor Lawson exhibited, under the microscope, several species of *Spirogyra* in a beautiful state of conjugation, *Chaetophora elegans*, and other Algæ, from the pond in Queen's College grounds.

The following papers were read:—

1. On the Geographical Distribution of the Coniferæ in Canada. By the Hon. William Sheppard, D. C. L., of Fairymead, Drummondville, Lower Canada, F. B. S. C. This paper has since been published in the Edinburgh New Philosophical Journal for October, 1861, (new series, No. 28, vol. xiv, p. 206).

2. Description of the Curculio, its mode of destroying Fruit, and the various means employed to check its progress. By Thomas Briggs, Jr., F. B. S. C.

3. Remarks on the species of Oak, their history, habits and uses. By Miss Crooks, Hamilton, C. W., Mem. B. S. C.

4. On the Lichens of the neighborhood of Prescott, C. W. By B. Billings, Jr., F. B. S. C. With specimens.

REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SPECIMENS.

The Laws of the Society provide for the formation of a public herbarium and the extension and improvement of private herbaria. In order to accomplish these important objects, arrangements have been made for receiving from members contributions of dried specimens of plants, and for supplying in return the desiderata of such members. The following Regulations have been framed for regulating the exchange of specimens.

1. The distribution of specimens shall be conducted by the Curators, and shall commence on the 15th November annually, before which time all contributions of specimens must be sent in by members who desire to participate in the distribution.

2. To entitle a Fellow or Subscriber to a share of the Society's duplicate specimens at any of the annual distributions, he shall have transmitted to the Society, before the 15th November, not less than 50 species of plants, with as many duplicate specimens of the rarer ones as possible.

3. All specimens contributed to the Society must be carefully prepared, by being pressed between sheets of paper in the usual manner, but not fastened down to paper in any way. Each specimen is to be accompanied by a label containing the name of the plant, together with the locality where collected, the date of collection, and the collector's name.