

beetles. Mr. Harrington exhibited beetles belonging to the Lucanidae, Scarabaeidae and Cerambycidae.

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Meeting No. 17, held at Dr. Fletcher's, April 14th, 1904; ten present. Dr. Fletcher suggested that a portion of the time be devoted to considering the work to be done during the season then commencing, and made some useful suggestions as to the labelling, etc., of specimens, so as to make them really of value in subsequent studies. Mr. Gibson read a paper on *Abbotana clemataria*, the Clematis Looper, in rearing which different food plants had been tried; elm leaves having been preferred. Dr. Fletcher exhibited samples of boxes, labels, electric pocket-lantern, etc., Lord Walsingham's beautifully illustrated "Pterophoridae or Plume Moths," and Bulletins of the Agricultural College of Tokio, Japan, with fine plates of silk-moths, etc. Mr. Metcalfe exhibited some rare homoptera and Mr. Harrington some Ottawa coleoptera and some hymenoptera from France.

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Meeting No. 18, held at Mr. Gibson's, on May 4th; five present.

Mr. Metcalfe showed 17 species of Hemiptera taken at Ottawa early the present season. He also showed a collection of Hemiptera, Diptera and Coleoptera collected at Brockville in the summer of 1903.

Mr. Baldwin showed some common larvæ which he had gathered, viz., *Noctua c-nigrum*, *Mamestra lorea* and *Ctenucha virginica*.

Dr. Fletcher gave an interesting account of the habits of *Erebia vidleri*, and showed some young larvæ which had recently hatched. This rare butterfly, as far as is known, only flies on the summits of Mount Cheam in British Columbia. Dr. Fletcher also spoke of the moths of the genus *Xylina* and showed examples of those species which occur at Ottawa. A new species which has just been named *Xylina fletcheri* was of special interest.

Mr. Gibson showed a number of living caterpillars which he had collected and spoke of certain traps which he used in order to get specimens for breeding. The breeding of insects is a fascinating part of the study and one in which there is a wide field for original research.