

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY.

MONTREAL, March 14th, 1892.

The monthly meeting of the Society was held this evening in the Library of the Natural History Society, at eight o'clock. Present, J. Stevenson Brown, President, in the chair; Dr. Smyth, Dr. Beaudry, J. Gardner, J. A. U. Beaudry, Hon. Sen. Murphy, J. G. Shaw, A. Henderson, J. F. Hausen, E. T. Chambers, J. B. Picken, Dr. Girdwood, J. T. Donald, Leslie J. Skelton and several visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Royal Society of Canada, advising that the eleventh general meeting of the Society would be held in Toronto on Wednesday, May 25th, and requesting a large attendance of delegates. It was moved by Alex. Henderson and seconded by J. A. U. Beaudry that Prof. Cox be requested to represent this Society, and that the Secretary be instructed to ascertain if he could do so. Carried.

Hon. Sen. Murphy stated that if an evening could be arranged, Dr. Baker Edwards would be glad to give an account of the early history of the Society. It was decided that as all the regular meetings of the Society had been already arranged for, that it would not be possible to hear Dr. Edwards' paper this session.

The question of appointing a committee to arrange the papers for next season came up, but as it was getting late, it was decided to leave the matter for next meeting.

Dr. Smyth now read the paper on "The House Spider," in which the life history of the spider, its structure and adaptability to its surroundings were all clearly and most interestingly described. The palope eyes, organs of respiration, fangs, poison ducts and spinnerets, were each in turn carefully illustrated and explained. Remarks were made by several members and questions asked which were answered by Dr. Smyth.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Hon. Sen. Murphy,