

## REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH, 1901.

The leaders of the Entomological Branch are glad to be able to report that a satisfactory amount of work has been done by the members during the last two years. Accidentally, no report was submitted to the Club last year, although a considerable amount of work was done. A gratifying interest in the study of insects has been shown by some of the younger members of the Club, as well as by the students of the Public Schools, and particularly by those attending the Normal School.

Mr. Harrington continues his studies on the distribution of the various orders of our local insects, and is preparing local lists for publication. His last contribution to the Fauna Ottawaensis "Hymenoptera, Superfamily 2, Sphegoidea," appeared in the OTTAWA NATURALIST for January last.

Mr. C. H. Young continues active work, particularly among the Lepidoptera. He has added many interesting species to the Ottawa list. One of these a very beautiful Agrotid has been named *Semiophora Youngii* in his honour by Prof. J. B. Smith, our highly esteemed Corresponding Member.

Mr. Young and Mr. Arthur Gibson have added largely to their collections of inflated larvæ during the present season.

Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Gibson have been vigorously prosecuting the interesting work of rearing insects from the egg through all their stages, and much valuable original work has been done not only upon our local species of Lepidoptera but upon many others, the eggs of which have been sent to them from a distance by mail. The value of learning the preparatory stages of insects cannot be overestimated, and forms one of the most necessary factors in devising remedies for injurious species.

A most important addition to the works upon Entomology, which has recently appeared, is Dr. Howard's "Insect Book," a work of the same nature as Dr. Holland's "Butterfly Book," but of much wider scope. With Dr. Howard's and Dr. Holland's books it is now possible for beginners to take up the delightful study of insects and learn something at any rate about almost any insect they may come across; for all the orders are now treated of with the exception of the Moths and Beetles, upon which there is