HYMENOPTERA.

A large collection, especially of the smaller species, was made at various points in the vicinity of the city, of which may be noted, Kettle Island, the Old Racecourse, Beechwood, the Beaver Meadow and Russell's Grove, near Hull, the Experimental Farm and Dow's Swamp. The Aculeata, or sting-bearers, numbered about 125 species; Phytophaga, or leaf-eaters, 70 species; and Parasitica, at least 200 species, of which a number will probably prove to be undescribed, while many of the others are new to our lists, or of very rare occurrence and special interest.

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OBITUARY NOTICES.

1.—DR. GEORGE LAWSON, PH.D., F.R.S.C., etc., etc., professor of Chemistry and Botany, in Dalhousie College, Halifax, well known to many of the members of our club, with which he has been connected for eleven years, breathed his last at his home in Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 11th, 1895.

At the time of his death Dr. Lawson was President of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science, Halifax, an active member of Section IV of the Royal Society of Canada, of which Society he had the honor of being its President, and in Section IV, where he read valuable papers, chief amongst which is his "Monograph of the Ranunculaceæ." Dr. Lawson was born in 1827, at Maryton, a beautiful village on the banks of the Tay, in Scotland. In his early days he was apprenticed to a solicitor in Dundee, with a view to enter the legal profession. But he had strong tastes for botany and natural history studies. These he pursued vigorously, and came in contact with many scientific men of the times, notably in Edinburgh. In 1849 he was elected to the position of Asst.-Sec'y and Curator to the Botanical Society, and to a similar post in the Caledonian Horticultural Society. In 1850 he published a work on "Water Lilies," and was appointed secretary and editor of the Scottish Arboricultural Society. He edited the transactions of this last named