

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY



The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Tom Wilson, at 2:30 p.m., on December 9th, 1911, in the Auditorium of the Aberdeen School, Vancouver, with 17 regular members in attendance.

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS (Mr. Wilson).

Gentlemen:—The duty falls upon me on this occasion to occupy the chair, in lieu of the Rev. G. W. Taylor, who has been and is now the President of this Society. At the last meeting of the Society I had the honor of occupying the position of Vice-President, with Mr. R. V. Harvey as Secretary of the Society.

I regret very much to have to inform you that our President has been, during the last few years, far from well and he finds it impossible to be present with us to-day, and in fact impossible to take a very active part in the work of the Society at the present time. No one regrets the illness of our President more than myself, for he was elected President at the inception of the Society in 1901, and as he still retains the position, I feel very sorry he is not here to-day, at the first meeting of the Society after a period of four or five years. In view of the fact that the Society has been in a state of suspended animation for the past few years, perhaps it would be well for me to address my remarks towards a brief review of the history of the Society.

In 1901, the late Dr. Fletcher had occasion to visit British Columbia in connection with the work of his Department. During his stay in Vancouver I had the opportunity of introducing him to Mr. R. V. Harvey of the city, who was then Principal of Queen's School. In discussing matters in connection with the Entomological work in B. C.,

the idea was suggested to form a society whose special object was to unify the work of those particularly interested in the study of insects in the Province. The idea came to maturity and the Society was formed. For two years we had a live Society here in Vancouver with such members as Messrs. G. W. Taylor, Sherman, Bush, Dashwood-Jones, Ed. Wilson, Draper, Marrion, Bryant, L. D. Taylor, Hanham and myself in more or less regular attendance. There may have been a few more members whose names I do not recall at the present moment. One year later, about 1903, the idea was conceived, passed and acted upon, to unite our efforts with the Entomological Society of Ontario, which in actual fact was a Canadian Entomological Society. Correspondence was begun with the Rev. Dr. Bethune of Port Hope, Ontario, resulting finally in the amalgamation of the two societies, our Society becoming a branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario. Through the courtesy of the parent Society, our members were privileged to receive its annual reports, as well as the regularly issued "Canadian Entomologist," for the fee of 50 cents per head per year. This arrangement continued up till a few years ago. Regular meetings were held here in Vancouver and reports were issued semi-monthly on matters of interest. These reports took the form of letters which were forwarded from one member to the other by the members themselves. Gradually, however, interest waned—not, let it be understood, in entomological work, but rather as a Society. Finally Mr. Harvey, who from the beginning had taken so active a part in the organization—in fact, I think I may say it was entirely due to him that the work of the Society progressed as it did—left Vancouver to reside in Victoria. For the past four or five years no meetings have been arranged for and no exchange of opinions have been received among the members, until at this time, when, through the energy of Mr. R. C. Treherne, the members have again met, with this excellent programme before them. Even now we cannot say it is much more than an experiment, but I know we all sincerely hope it will be an experiment which will turn out the right way.

Mr. Treherne, acting Secretary, followed with a few remarks on his endeavours to resuscitate the Society, stating in brief that while he had endeavoured to broaden the scope of the Society, uniting the work of all engaged in entomological pursuits in the Province, he personally desired the Society to remain as a branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario and consequently an integral unit with the Entomological work of the Dominion.

Mr. Chairman—I will now ask the members to nominate and appoint their officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed for the year 1912:—

Hon. President.....Rev. G. W. Taylor  
Departure Bay, Vancouver Island.

President.....Tom Wilson  
1105 Broadway West, Vancouver.

Vice-President.....G. O. Day, F.E.S.  
Duncans Station, Vancouver Island.

Secretary.....R. C. Treherne, B.S.A.  
1105 Broadway West, Vancouver.

Advisory Board: Messrs. T. Wilson, G. O. Day, R. C. Treherne, W.  
H. Lyne, R. S. Sherman, J. R. Anderson.