

The President: It is unsatisfactory to feel that we have a deficit on our hands, but under the circumstances, and in view of the great strides our Society has made during the past two years, we cannot complain. It gives me a great deal of gratification to feel that this Society is attracting such widespread attention in other lands than our own. It is nice to think that we are making some headway and adding, possibly, a few iotas of knowledge to the entomological world.

The next item of business that confronts us is the important discussion relative to the adoption of by-laws. As has been pointed out in our proceedings from time to time, this Society is a properly constituted branch of the Canadian Society of the East, consequently as such we are bound to accept the constitution of our parent Society. I take pleasure in reading you and recording for our proceedings the constitution of our parent Society. You will remember that at this meeting of last year a resolution was passed asking the Advisory Board to draw up a system of by-laws to present to the special summer meeting that was arranged at Vernon in the month of July, 1913. The members present at this meeting were then asked to amend, if necessary, and present their opinions to this meeting for adoption. However, owing to the fact that the Constitution of the parent Society was undergoing a change in certain particulars, it was thought inadvisable to draw up our own by-laws until these changes were made known and properly ratified. The parent Society held their meeting last August at Guelph, and the following Constitution, which appeared in a recent issue of the *Canadian Entomologist*, is the amended and adopted code. It is well that we fully digest this Constitution, as it is also the one that governs our Society. We are at liberty, however, to frame our own by-laws, and these our Secretary has arranged for discussion on the back of the programmes before the meeting, so, after the Constitution of the parent Society has been read, we will proceed with our own by-laws.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

INCORPORATED 1871.

### SECTION I.—OBJECTS AND MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Society shall be called "The Entomological Society of Ontario," and is instituted for the investigation of the character and habits of insects, the improvement and advancement of entomological science, and more especially its practical bearing on the agricultural and horticultural interests of the Province. The Society shall consist of not less than twenty-five members.

2. The Society shall consist of four classes, viz: Members, life members, honorary members, and corresponding members.

3. Members shall be persons whose pursuits, or studies, are connected with entomology, or who are in any way interested in natural history, and who are resident within the Dominion of Canada.

4. Life members shall be persons who have made donations to the value of \$25 in money, books, or specimens (the two latter to be valued by competent persons), or who may be elected as such at the general meeting of the Society, for important services performed, and after due notice has been given.

5. Entomologists residing outside Canada may be elected corresponding members of the Society, but such membership will not entitle them to the publications of the Society except on payment of the subscription to the Journal of the Society.

6. Honorary members shall be members of high standing and eminence for their attainments in entomology.

7. The number of honorary members shall be limited to twenty-five.

8. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and not fewer than three, and not more than five, Directors, to form a Council; all of whom, with two Auditors, shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting of the Society, and shall be eligible for re-election. The said Council shall, at their meeting, appoint a Curator.

## SECTION II.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

1. All candidates for ordinary or life membership must be proposed by a member at a regular meeting of the Society and be balloted for; the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present shall be necessary for the election of a candidate.

2. Honorary members must be recommended by at least three members, who shall certify that the person named is eminent for his entomological attainments; the election in their case shall be conducted in the same manner as laid down for other members.

3. Corresponding members shall be elected in the same manner as honorary members.

4. Whenever any person is elected a member in any class, the Secretary shall immediately inform him of the same by letter, and no person shall be considered a member until he has signified his acquiescence in the election.

5. Every person elected a member is required to pay his first contribution within one month of the date of his election; otherwise his election shall be null and void.

## SECTION III.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. The annual contribution of members shall be \$1; all contributions to be due in advance on the first day of January in each year, the payment of which shall entitle the member to a copy of all the publications of the Society during the year. All new members, except those elected at and after the annual general meeting and before the following first of January, shall be required to pay the subscription for the year in which they are elected.

2. Every member shall be considered to belong to the Society, and as such be liable to the payment of his annual contribution, until he has either forfeited his claim or has signified to the Secretary, in writing, his desire to withdraw, when his name shall be erased from the list of members.

3. Whenever any member shall be one year in arrear in the payment of his annual contribution, the Secretary shall inform him of the fact in writing. Any member continuing two years in arrears shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members.

4. Life and honorary members shall be required to pay an annual contribution.

## SECTION IV.—OFFICERS.

1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Society, to preserve good order and decorum, and to regulate debates.

2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be the same as those of the President during his absence.

3. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and to present and read all communications addressed to the Society; to notify members of their election, and those in arrear of the amount of their indebtedness; to keep a correct list of the members of the Society, with the dates of their election, resignation, or death, and their addresses; to maintain the correspondence of the Society, and to acknowledge all donations to it. He shall also take charge of the funds of the Society and keep an accurate account of all the receipts and disbursements, and of the indebtedness of the members, and render an annual report of the same at the annual general meeting of the Society, in the manner required by the Act respecting the Board of Agriculture and Arts.

4. It shall be the duty of the Curator to take charge of all books, specimens, cabinets, and other properties of the Society; to keep and arrange in their proper places all donations of specimens; to keep a record of all contributions of books and specimens, with a list of the contributors; and to oversee and direct any exchange of specimens. He shall also report annually to the Society on the condition of the specimens and cabinets under his care.

5. The officers of the Society shall form a Council who shall have the direction and management of the affairs of the Society. The Council shall meet once in every quarter, the time and place of meeting to be appointed by the President, and notice to be given by the Secretary at least ten days beforehand.

6. The Council shall draw up a yearly report on the state of the Society, in which shall be given an abstract of all the proceedings, and a duly audited account of the receipts and expenditure of the Society during their term of office; and such report shall be read at the annual general meeting.

#### SECTION V.—MEETINGS.

1. Ordinary meetings shall be held once a month, on such days and at such hour as the Society by resolution may from time to time agree upon.

2. The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held at the place and during the same time as the Exhibition of the Agricultural and Arts Association is being held in each year, to receive and deliberate upon the report of the Council on the state of the Society, to elect officers and Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business of which notice has been given.

3. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President upon the written request of five members of the Society, provided that one week's notice of the meeting be given, and that its object be specified.

#### SECTION VI.—BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Branches of the Society may be formed in any place within the Dominion of Canada on a written application to the Society from at least six persons resident in the locality.

2. Each branch shall be required to pay to the parent Society 50 cents per annum for each paying member on its list.

3. Every branch shall be governed by the Constitution of the Society, but shall have power to elect its own officers and enact by-laws for itself, provided they be not contrary to the tenor and spirit of the Constitution of the whole Society.

4. All members of the branches shall be members of the Society and entitled to all the privileges of members.

5. No corresponding or honorary member shall be appointed by the branches, but such members may be proposed at general meetings of the Society by any branch as well as by the individual members.

6. Each branch shall transmit to the parent Society, on or before the first of September each year, an annual report of its proceedings; such report to be read at the annual general meeting.

#### SECTION VII.—ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.

1. No article in any section of this Constitution shall be altered or added to, unless notice be first given at an ordinary meeting of the Society, or of a branch, and the alteration or addition be sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present at the next ensuing meeting; the Secretary of the Society, or of the Branch, shall then notify the Secretaries of all the other branches; when the sanction of all the branches has been obtained in the same manner, the alteration or addition shall become law.

#### SECTION VIII.—SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF MAGAZINE.

The annual subscription price of the *Canadian Entomologist* shall be \$2, postage included, payable in advance. Members of the Society who have paid their annual dues shall receive the magazine free of charge, as stated in section III., clause 1. of the Constitution of the Society.

The by-laws of the Society were approved and voted upon, article by article, and are herewith recorded as passed by the Society in annual convention, January 23rd, 1914.