

# BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## PROCEEDINGS, 1918

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The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of British Columbia was held in the Belmont Building, Government Street, Victoria, B.C., on February 23rd, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. E. H. Blackmore, of Victoria, at 9.30 a.m.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Williams Hugh, for the fiscal year 1917, was passed and accepted.

Eleven papers were read, six on systematic subjects, three of economic importance, and two of general interest.

At the close of the day's proceedings, the election of officers for the year 1918 was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Hon. President—Francis Kermode, Prov. Museum, Victoria, B.C.

President—R. S. Sherman, Vancouver, B.C.

Vice-President (Coast)—Wm. Downes, Victoria, B.C.

Vice-President (Interior)—J. W. Cockle, Kaslo, B.C.

Secretary-Treasurer—Williams Hugh, Cloverdale, B.C.

Advisory Board—E. H. Blackmore (Chairman); R. C. Treherne, B.S.A.; G. O. Day, F.E.S.; A. W. Hanham; and L. A. Breun.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER**

In submitting my report for the year 1917, I regret to state our numbers have been sadly depleted owing to the demand made by the necessities of the War, but, notwithstanding, we have made a little progress, new names being added to our membership roll. There has been a growing interest in the work of this Society. Mention was made, early in the year, in several British Columbia newspapers, of the objects of this Society and the work our members were interested in. Many requests for information were received, and a number of insects were received for identification.

Our President, Mr. E. H. Blackmore, Messrs. R. C. Treherne, Geo. Day, Dr. Cameron, and L. A. Breun, very kindly assisted in the work of determination, and gave a brief account of the life-history of the specimens. I received expressions of thanks and appreciation from the persons sending. Two cases came from schools in the Fraser Valley. I am of the opinion that this part of our work might be encouraged and greater publicity given to it, so that those interested may be put in touch with our members who specialize in the various orders.

I have to report that during last August, my attention was drawn to a case of disease affecting the brood of bees, in Burnaby. It is commonly called European Foul-brood. The larva is affected very early in its development, but the disease can be controlled by treatment.

Our library has increased by the addition of several volumes of *Psyche*, and *The Annals of the Entomological Society of America*. The fund reserved for the purchase of books has not been drawn on very heavily. This is quite ready for our members use. I have ordered "Howard's Insect Book" and Comstock's "Handbook of Nature Study."

Our finances at present are in good standing, and our Society has paid all indebtedness to the parent Society in Ontario.

It is not, perhaps, necessary for me to say how much I am indebted to our President and Mr. R. C. Treherne for their generous assistance during the past year, and the unremitting interest they have taken in the work of the Society, so dear to us all.

(Signed) WILLIAMS HUGH,  
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.