

BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS, 1919

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Entomological Society was held in Vancouver in the Biological Lecture Room at the University of British Columbia on March 15th, 1919.

The President, Mr. R. S. Sherman, being absent owing to illness, the chair was taken by the Vice-President for the Coast, Mr. E. H. Blackmore, and the meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Williams Hugh, was read and adopted, after which the reading of papers was proceeded with. Thirteen papers were presented, six of which were on economic entomology, four systematic, and the remainder of general interest.

The following resolutions were proposed and carried:

Moved by E. H. Blackmore, seconded by R. C. Treherne, that in view of the fact that numbers of students are interested in entomology but not in research work, the constitution be changed to admit associate members; that the fee for said members be 50 cents per annum.

Moved by R. C. Treherne, seconded by E. H. Blackmore, that the offer of Prizes for the Best Collection of Insects be renewed to the Vancouver Exhibition, and the same offer be made to the New Westminster Exhibition Association.

Moved by R. C. Treherne, seconded by W. J. Winson, that a sum of \$100.00 be set aside for the purpose of providing prizes at Fall Fairs for the best exhibits of insects, made by students attending public schools (subject to approval of Advisory Board).

Moved by W. Downes, seconded by W. J. Winson, that the Committee formed for the purpose of publishing Bulletins Nos. 8 and 10 be sustained, and the Committee be instructed to proceed with the work of publishing Bulletin No. 11, Economic Series.

The following officers were elected for the year 1919:

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

President—E. H. Blackmore.

Vice-President (Coast)—R. S. Sherman.

Vice-President (Interior)—J. W. Cockle.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—W. Downes.

Advisory Board—Messrs. W. H. Lyne, R. C. Treherne, G. O. Day, John Davidson, and L. A. Breun.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

I beg to present a report of the work of the British Columbia Entomological Society for the year 1918.

In spite of war conditions the Society added a few names to the membership roll. The parent Society credits this branch with having thirty-seven members, but our paid up membership is only twenty-five; all are actively engaged in some branch of Entomological Science.

In accordance with our usual custom, I have presented to the parent Society a report of the proceedings of the 17th Annual Meeting, held in the City of Victoria, February 23rd, 1918.

The question of Mosquito control was discussed by several governing bodies, Farmers' Institutes, and other organizations interested in the development of rural life on the Lower Mainland of British Columbia during June, 1918, the Vancouver Board of Trade being prominent in the work. The attention of the Board was drawn by this Society to the work of the Field Entomologists in the employ of the Dominion Government, and suggested the Board get in touch with Dr. Gordon Hewitt, in charge of the work. Mr. C. E. Tisdall immediately took up the question through the Board, with the Dominion Government, resulting in a visit being made by Dr. Hewitt and his British Columbia assistant in charge—our valued member, R. C. Treherne. A meeting was held in the Mission district, and a representative body of men appointed to further the work throughout the Fraser Valley. Further measures are being taken to bring the work to fruition. Mr. Tisdall commended the work of this Society.

There were no entries for the prizes offered by this Society at the Vancouver Exhibition for types of beneficial and injurious insects. If it is the pleasure of the Advisory Board to renew the offer, I feel sure eventually sufficient interest will be created to warrant the Society renewing the offer, in view of the fact that school children are now taking up the question of nature study seriously.

The Committee appointed by the Advisory Board to produce Bulletins Nos. 8 and 10, Systematic Series, completed their work, and Messrs. E. H. Blackmore, Wm. Downes and R. C. Treherne are to be congratulated on the result. The Bulletins have been distributed to all members and the several learned Societies on our mailing list, and letters of commendation have been received, and several requests have been received for copies from Entomologists in the United States.

Copies of the Bulletins were sent to all members of the Nova Scotia Entomological Society and a consignment sent to the parent Society at Guelph, and to members on the staff of the Dominion Entomologist.

WILLIAMS HUGH, Hon. Secretary.