

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Downes, the retiring secretary, for his valuable services.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Vancouver.

### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER**

I have pleasure in presenting the report of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1921.

During the past year the membership of the Society has been well maintained and some new names have been added to the list. These are: F. E. Whitehouse, R. Hopping, G. E. Wilkerson and Miss Amy Woodland. The Society will be strengthened by the membership of the first named who are well known for their work in Odonata and Coleoptera respectively. Mr. Wilkerson is a former member whom we are glad to welcome back to our Society and Miss Amy Woodland has joined as an associate member.

In accordance with the resolution passed at your last meeting, the matter of the incorporation of the Society was considered by the advisory board and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Downes and White, appointed to go into the matter. It was found that under the Benevolent Societies Act that it was necessary to obtain the consent of the parent Society to this incorporation, our Society being a branch of the Ontario Entomological Society; also that a copy of the bylaws of our Society should be filed with the registrar. Therefore, before submitting these bylaws it was necessary for the committee to revise them and add the resolutions that had been passed from time to time and then submit them to the parent Society for final approval and to ensure that they should not conflict with the constitution of the Ontario Entomological Society. The most convenient time to do this was at the annual meeting of the Ontario Entomological Society on December 29 when a majority of the members of the council was present. This meeting I attended, and certain alterations and suggestions were made by the parent Society. Under our bylaws it will be necessary for these alterations to be considered and passed at the annual meeting of our Society and if they meet with your approval they can be filed with the registrar and incorporation obtained without further delay.

During the year the Society has published four numbers of its Proceedings, two of which, numbers 13 and 15, were published in one bulletin. The other two numbers are 16 and 18 of the Systematic series. Thus we have now no publications outstanding and it is satisfactory to know that our papers are no longer in arrears. There has been considerable delay in getting out these numbers of the Proceedings and this is explained by the fact that some of the contributors lived a considerable

distance away and as the practice is now being followed of sending the proofs to the various authors for correction, it is natural that some delay has resulted. Nevertheless I believe the members will agree that this is the most satisfactory plan to pursue, but I would like to impress upon contributors the necessity of returning their proofs with as little delay as possible.

The matter of the amount of subscription which should be contributed by the members of the branches came up at the annual meeting of the Ontario Entomological Society and it was decided that in future the annual contribution from each member of a branch should be \$1.50 instead of \$1.00. This is necessitated by the increased cost of printing and the fact that it is impossible any longer to supply the Canadian Entomologist to members of branches at the original low figure. This proposal is dependent upon its being accepted by the various branches concerned and I would ask the meeting to consider the matter. Its acceptance, however, will leave us with only 50 cents in hand from each member and I would ask the meeting to suggest some alternative plan.

The challenge cup for school collections of insects was won again last fall by John Norquay School, South Vancouver. In the event of this school winning the cup a third time, it will be necessary for the Society to provide another and I would ask you to bear this possible contingency in mind when planning any expenditure for the coming season.

I have to make an appeal to the members for assistance in supplying records of new species or rare captures to be published in the Entomological Record which for some years has been compiled by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Norman Criddle and published by the Entomological Branch. The usefulness of this record is greatly diminished by the failure of collectors to send in their records and its non-appearance lately has been due to the lack of support from many of our collectors. The idea is to have all records listed, whether published or not, and the proper references to published records will of course be given. A record like this is obviously of great value, but I am asked to state that its continuance is entirely dependent upon the degree of support that is given by collectors. I ask, therefore, that all collectors who have taken any new or rare species within the last two years that have not been recorded, send in these names at the earliest possible opportunity to Mr. Criddle, and in the case of new records the name of the specialist who determined them. The 1920 number of the Record is now at press, but its publication has been held up by a printers' strike.

The finances of the Society are in a very satisfactory condition, and the past season has closed with a balance of \$112.56 in the bank and \$4.45 in cash. To this must be added the sum of \$26.00 due to the Society

from Smith College, Massachusetts, for printing separates and part of this sum has already been transmitted. The total assets of the Society amount to \$143.01, which is a satisfactory balance to commence the year with. During the coming season our expenses will not be as heavy as last year for we have but one number of the Proceedings to pay for, the Economic series being printed for us free of charge by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. I have also pleasure in stating that the Department has agreed to publish free for us the index to the Society's Proceedings which has been prepared by Mr. Venables. The manuscript of this index is now in the printers' hands and it is hoped that it may be issued before very long.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DOWNES,

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

To the Members of the British Columbia Entomological Society:

Gentlemen,—It gives me very great pleasure, I can assure you, to welcome you to the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of our Society, and also to congratulate the Society on having attained its majority as a Society.

Since the formation of our association, Entomology has taken great strides forward and I am gratified to find that we have members representing almost all parts of our beautiful province. Nowhere else in the Dominion of Canada is there such a field for the pursuit of our favorite study, embracing as it does such a wide variation in climatic conditions, in addition to equally wide differences in natural conditions as to soil and vegetation. We have here every grade from alpine flora and fauna to those of more lowland areas, with all the various stages from the one extreme to the other.

Naturally under these conditions British Columbia offers inducements second to none to those who have the inclination and leisure to pursue the study of Entomology and I am glad to find amongst us many who have not as much leisure as they would wish, but yet are so enthusiastic that they devote what leisure they can find or make to our favorite study, and I am pleased indeed to recognize the good work done by such men and I feel sure that you will all heartily agree with me in according them our warmest praise for their good work.

The secretary, Mr. Downes, is unfortunately unable to be present with us, on account of his duties calling him to Ottawa at this time, but I understand from his report that the affairs of the Society are in a flourishing condition. For myself I may say that owing to my connection with municipal affairs and other public business I have not been