

NOTES ON THE ONTARIO SOCIETY MEETING

I had the pleasure with several other British Columbia members of being present at the 64th Annual Meeting of our parent body in Ottawa in November, 1927.

Some 43 papers were presented, 35 being economic, 6 systematic and 2 general. Several distinguished Canadian and American entomologists were present and took part in the meeting, including Rev. Father Leopold, Prof. Caesar, Prof. E. M. Walker, Dr. L. O. Howard and Dr. Lutz.

Prof. A. W. Baker is the new president and Prof. Detweiler of the University of Western Ontario at London is now Vice-President.

The British Columbia Society members had full voting privileges and I might say that an interesting discussion took place on the form of the "Canadian Entomologist" precipitated by a motion that, as your secretary, I felt it my duty to bring up. It appeared to be the opinion of the majority at the meeting that the present form of the "Canadian Entomologist" was far from satisfactory, and a committee was appointed to consider what improvements could be incorporated. These recommendations were left in the hands of the chairman of the committee to be taken up with the Editor, Mr. McDunnough. So that there is every hope that we shall have a better "Canadian Entomologist" in the future.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the showing of several thousand feet of moving picture film depicting the habits of the two species of hymenoptera that are being reared at Chatham, Ontario, to combat the corn borer. This film was taken under the direction of Mr. Baird whom most of you will remember and was a marvellous exhibition of skill and patience, and is an immense improvement over any previous films of insects either in Canada or the States. The action of the inch long ovipositors in piercing the corn borer were beautifully and clearly shown.

It was generally conceded that the meeting was the most successful ever held, and part of this success can, I think, quite fairly be attributed to the presence of several of the members of the British Columbia Branch there.

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