

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

I beg to submit the report of the work done by the B. C. Entomological Society during the year 1919.

The membership of the Society has increased during the past year and a number of new members have joined. We have now forty-two members in good standing, as compared with twenty-five reported as paid up the previous year, which is a gratifying increase and indicates that renewed interest is being taken in our work, and that the Society is recovering from the setback it received during the years of the war.

In respect to membership, ours is the strongest branch of the Ontario Entomological Society.

In accordance with a resolution passed at last year's meeting, I duly communicated with the Secretary of the Parent Society regarding the possibility of our receiving associate members to our branch. His reply was to the effect that there was apparently nothing in the constitution of the Parent Society to prevent this, though such associate members would not be entitled to the Canadian Entomologist or the Proceedings of the Ontario Society unless the full fee was paid.

The sum of \$100.00 was offered last year by the Society to provide prizes at the Fall Fairs for the best collections of insects made by school children. By the advice of Mr. J. W. Gibson, Director of Agricultural Instruction, the following Fairs were selected: New Westminster, Vancouver, Kelowna, Armstrong, Trail, Kamloops, Nelson, Penticton, Chilliwack, North and South Saanich, Cowichan, Nanaimo, Surrey, Langley. Mr. Gibson was also kind enough to communicate with the teachers at these points, asking them to draw the attention of the pupils to this competition. Probably owing to the fact that it was rather late in the season before the matter was brought to the attention of the schools, less interest was taken than would otherwise have been the case, but the prizes were competed for at Nelson, Kelowna, Cowichan and Langley, and the sum of \$27.50 was distributed in prize money. In view of the increased attention paid to the teaching of Entomology in the schools, it is hoped that the Society will be able to continue to offer these prizes.

During the year the library has been increased by the purchase of a number of works on Entomology. The sum of \$150.00 was voted last year for the purchase of books, but by the President's suggestion, it was decided to expend \$100.00 at first. A list of desirable works was drawn up and submitted to the President and members of the Advisory Board for consideration, and was approved by them after some alterations and reductions in the list had been made. The sum expended has been \$101.86, on which \$11.86 is still owing. In all, 33 works were purchased, and the majority of these are bound volumes, and with the exception of one or two smaller papers, are standard works

and monographical in their scope. With regard to the unexpended balance we recommend that this be kept in hand and no further purchases of books made until the Society has published the last year's Proceedings and Bulletin No. 11, as the cost of publishing has so greatly increased that when these are paid for we shall only have a small balance left.

During the winter the Society published Bulletin No. 12, being the Proceedings of the Society for 1918. The editing was kindly undertaken by Mr. Blackmore, and the Bulletin may be considered to be fully equal to its predecessors. Copies have been sent to all the British Columbia members and to all names on our complimentary mailing list, and in due course will also be sent to each member of the Ontario Society and affiliated branches.

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The Society has a cash balance in hand of \$282.42. Against this there is the balance, \$11.86, due on library books purchased and the unexpended balance of library vote—\$48.14. The cost of printing the Society's Proceedings this year was greater than previously, and amounted to \$208.25. Of the amount voted for prize money, \$27.50 has been disbursed, and as the vote was for one season only, the balance accrues to the funds of the Society.

Although the Society has a fair cash balance in hand and our financial position may be regarded as satisfactory, nevertheless it should be remembered that we have greater calls upon our resources than hitherto. Having once launched upon the policy of encouraging the study of Entomology in the schools by offering prizes for collections at the Fall Fairs, and if it is desirable that we should continue to offer these prizes, we will require to set aside a yearly sum for that purpose. Also we are still behind in the publication of our Bulletin, there being a number of economic papers to publish and the Proceedings for 1919. Thus, we shall hardly be able, with the balance we have in hand, to publish more than one Bulletin this year, and pass a reduced vote for prizes at the Fairs.

W. DOWNES, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.