

Treasurer, W. Downes; Assistant Secretary, R. Glendenning. It was moved by Mr. Treherne, seconded by Mr. Winson, "That there be both Secretary and Assistant Secretary as formerly." Carried.

With regard to the publishing of the Proceedings of the Society, it was moved by Mr. Kermode, seconded by Mr. Winson, "That the Advisory Board have charge of this." Carried.

At 5.30 p.m. the meeting adjourned and met for supper at the Citizen's Club, Vancouver Block.

At 7.30 p.m. the members returned to the meeting room and listened to a lecture by Mr. W. B. Anderson on "Collecting Places in B. C.," illustrated with lantern slides. Points visited by Mr. Anderson in the course of his trips were shown on the screen, and specimens of certain rare lepidoptera taken during these trips were also shown. Mr. Downes read portions of Dr. Parshley's report "On Collections of Hemiptera from B. C.," and illustrated this with slides of a few of the new species described and new records for B. C. Mr. Treherne showed some slides illustrating some of the Codling Moth control work being done at Vernon, and other insect studies. Mr. Glendenning showed some slides of Mt. McLean and Mt. Cheam.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Anderson for his interesting lecture.

It was decided to hold the next year's meeting in Victoria.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

I have pleasure in submitting the report of the work of the B. C. Entomological Society for the year 1920.

The membership of the Society continues to increase, and now numbers forty-five members, nearly all of whom are paid up, only three, in fact, being in arrears with their dues, which is satisfactory and shows the continued and growing interest in the work of the Society.

Pursuant to a motion passed at last year's meeting, the Advisory Board duly considered the question of providing prizes for the best collections of insects made by public school children, and it was decided, at a meeting held on May 10th, that this should take the form of a challenge cup, to be offered for competition at the Provincial Fair at New Westminster. The sum of fifty dollars was set aside for this purpose and a handsome cup has been purchased. This was offered for competition at the last Provincial Fall Fair, and was won by John Norquay School, South Vancouver. In addition to this, a prize of \$5.00 was awarded at Langley Fall Fair. This prize was offered by the Langley Agricultural Association in error, but as it is not the wish of the Society to discourage any competitor, the Advisory Board authorized that the prize money be paid.

Regarding entomological supplies, arrangements were made last year, in accordance with the wish of the Society, that these should be kept in stock by a local dealer, and Mr. Litchfield, Stationer, 1109 Government Street, now carries a supply of sheet cork, but pins were unobtainable and will have to be ordered from the makers by those wanting them.

During the year Mr. J. M. Anderson presented the Society with all his Entomological Bulletins and papers. These are all of an economic nature and are the only additions to the Society's library that have been made this year. During the summer the Society's Proceedings No. 11 were published by the Department of Agriculture. In view of the high cost of printing and the difficulty the Society has of meeting the cost of producing its bulletin, this assistance from the Department is very welcome. In various small matters, such as the cost of mailing and envelopes, we have also received assistance. Bulletin No. 14, being the proceedings of the year 1919, was published this winter. We are still in arrears with the printing of our 1920 proceedings, but as the Society has a cash balance sufficient to meet this outlay, it is hoped this may be published shortly and so bring our bulletins up to date. This is an urgent matter and I suggest to the meeting that the Society's funds should be expended on this rather than on other matters, as the value of our publications is greatly lessened by their being delayed. Bulletin No. 13, of the economic series, will be prepared for the printer during the coming season. I have to point out that with regard to the printing of these Proceedings by the Government we have to wait until their own work is out of the way and they have time to attend to ours, and this accounts for much of the delay in producing the economic series. Another reason is that we are usually short of economic papers.

The finances of the Society are in a very satisfactory condition. We have a balance in the Savings Bank, \$439.80, and cash in hand to the amount of \$16.02, total \$455.82. Against this we are liable for the cost of printing Bulletin 14, \$145.38, and \$5.00 has been set aside for prize money for Langley Fair, leaving \$289.42 to commence the year with. The cost of printing Bulletin 16 is estimated to be \$225.00, leaving us with \$64.00 in hand for current expenses. These should be light during the coming year, as we have eliminated a number of small expenditures and the matter of a cup for the best insect exhibit is already provided for.

I wish to draw the attention of the Society to the desirability of finding a more suitable location for our library. It will be remembered that this question came up and was discussed at our last meeting, but at that time no more suitable arrangement than the present one was under consideration. At present the library is located in Mr. Blackmore's house, and while we appreciate his efforts in the matter, and his generosity in providing space for it, there are decided drawbacks to the arrangement, the chief of which is that it is not readily available to

members for reference. There is also the obvious risk of fire. Recently, however, an offer has come from the Provincial Library to house the books there. I have been assured by the librarian that not only will the books be catalogued and cared for as they should be, but the library will undertake to issue them to members at a distance in conformity with the rules of the Society. I understand that the Natural History Society is making the same arrangement with regard to their library. I commend this plan to you as a most desirable one, and suggest that the Society give the offer of the Provincial Library their consideration and approval.

W. DOWNES, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, 1921

By E. H. Blackmore, F.E.S.

Gentlemen,—I did not intend to inflict an address upon you at this meeting, but being the twentieth anniversary of the founding of our Society, it is perhaps appropriate that I should say a few words on the progress of entomology in the Province during the last few years. As our worthy Vice-President, Mr. R. C. Treherne, is giving a review of economic entomology in B. C. during the same period, I will confine myself to the systematic side.

Mr. G. O. Day, in his presidential address in January, 1914, gave a rather comprehensive account of the work of the earlier entomologists in B. C., and also of the activities of the Society from its inception up to the end of the year 1913. His very interesting address is printed in full in No. 4 of our Proceedings, and it is an address that is well worth reading a second time, as it contains much valuable information, and I would like to recommend its perusal to our more recent members. I will take up, in as brief a manner as possible, the progress of systematic entomology since that date to the present time, including the part that the Society, through its active members, has played during that period. Before doing so, however, I would like to add a few remarks on the earlier days of entomology in B. C., which were not included in Mr. Day's paper.

The first scientific collector of insects on Vancouver Island of which we have any authentic record was a Mr. G. R. Crotch, who collected in the vicinity of Victoria in the month of July, 1871, some fifty years ago. After leaving Victoria Mr. Crotch went to California, where he collected extensively for the Museum of Comparative Zoology, at which institution many of his Vancouver Island captures are still to be seen. In 1876 Adolphus S. Packard published his "Monograph of the Geometridae of North America," in which he described as new many of the species that were taken by Mr. Crotch at Victoria, so that Victoria and