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MEETINGS OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH.

Held at the home of Mr. J. W. Baldwin, March 11, 1909; present Messrs. Metcalfe, Binney, Groh, Young, Eifrig, Gibson and Baldwin.

Mr. Metcalfe exhibited some interesting specimens of Hemiptera. He called attention especially to some species of *Ranatra*, viz., *R. quadridentata*, *R. kirkadji* and *R. fusca*. These are narrow, long-legged water bugs which he had collected during the past season at Pickerel Point on the Ottawa River. *Cyrtolobus griseus* from oak and *Cligenes minutus* were included in the box, both of which species were new records for the Ottawa district.

Mr. Groh spoke of some galls which he had found on Willow on Parliament Hill, and which were the work of *Rhabdophaga triticoides*. The gall is known as the Willow Bud Gall. The bud scales become elongated, the larva living within a cavity in the interior.

Mr. Young showed a box of lepidoptera which he had just received from Dr. Barnes, of Decatur, Ill. These were all rarities, mostly from Arizona. Among the specimens were some of the interesting genus *Schinia*.

Mr. Gibson read an account of an interesting occurrence of Telephorid larvæ at Charlottetown, P.E.I. Specimens had been received for identification from Mr. Lawrence W. Watson, which had been found alive in considerable numbers in February on ice and snow. These larvæ are known as "snow worms". The species was probably *Telephorus bilineatus*.

Mr. Baldwin exhibited some cases from his collection of lepidoptera, calling attention to some of the more interesting specimens which he had collected during 1908. He gave an account of some of the catches which he had made on certain evenings when collecting at the Electric Railway power station near Britannia. The brilliant lights at this station are certainly very attractive to night flying insects. The writer has visited the station on several occasions and each time came away with his poison bottles and pinning boxes well filled. During the

past season we found the lamellicorn beetle, *Ligyrum relictus*, quite abundantly on several evenings. This beetle which is a close relative of the common May Beetle, or so-called June Bug, has not in the past been at all common in the Ottawa district.

A. G.

The meeting of the Branch at the residence of Mr. Arthur Gibson on the 25th March, was very informal in nature. Those present were Messrs. Halkett, Metcalfe, Groh, Baldwin and Gibson.

Owing to the few exhibits which were made the discussions were of a very general nature. Mr. Metcalfe showed a box of Psyllidae, some of which had recently been named by Mr. Schwarz, of Washington, through the courtesy of Dr. L. O. Howard. These little insects have not received very much study in North America as yet. They are known popularly as "jumping plant lice" from their active habits, although they resemble much more closely a miniature Cicada.

The work of the Birch Skeletonizer, *Bucculatrix canadensisella*, was exhibited by Mr. Groh, along with specimens of the beautiful little moth. Some years this insect does much harm to the foliage of birch trees. It has been found commonly in the Ottawa District.

Some parasitized chrysalids of *Papilio turnus* and *Hyperchiria io*, were shown by Mr. Baldwin. The parasites were probably Tachina flies.

Mr. Gibson exhibited a large potato shaped gall on *Rubus nutkanus*, which had been received from Mr. J. R. Anderson, of Victoria, B.C. Specimens of the hymenopterous gall maker, doubtless one of the Cynipidæ, were also shown. These had emerged indoors during March. A series of the noctuids, *Graphiphora praeses* and *Stretchia normalis*, also from British Columbia, was exhibited. Sir George Hampson's Vol. VII, of the catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalænæ in the British Museum was laid on the table with the accompanying plates, and was examined with much interest by those present. These volumes are of the greatest value to lepidopterists the world over.

A. G.

Dr. E. L. Greene, of the United States National Museum, Washington, D.C., who has been studying plants of the genus *Thalictrum* in western Ontario, was in Ottawa for a day, or two, last month.



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