

I have pleasure in announcing the inclusion in our ranks of Prof. G. J. Spencer, of the University of B. C.; an entomologist who will be very welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1924

Receipts	Expenditures
Balance from 1923\$133.75	Printing programmes\$ 10.34
Subscriptions 54.00	Postages 26.47
Govt. Grant 250.00	Printing proceedings..... 205.00
Bank Interest 5.65	Dues to Ont. Society..... 32.25
Sale of Proceedings..... 13.25	Sundries 6.04
	Balance in bank 176.55
\$456.65	\$456.65

R. GLENDENNING
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

J. W. EASTHAM, Auditor.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BY L. E. MARMONT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY:
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with much pleasure that I cordially welcome you to the 24th annual meeting of our Society.

I am glad to say that our membership has been well maintained, and I understand from the Secretary-Treasurer that financially we are in our usual good shape.

During the past year, and since our last annual meeting, as you all know, the hand of death has once more fallen on the Society, this time on one of our best loved and most valuable members in the person of Mr. R. C. Treherne, known affectionately to most of us as "Tre." His untimely death on June 7th last came as a sudden and painful shock, and, like a bolt from a blue sky, a most promising career cut off in its very prime. We shall all miss his cheery presence, for although removed from our midst to Ottawa in 1921 to assume important duties in the Entomological department there, he still remained one of our most active members, and we know that his heart was in B. C. We all looked forward to his return among us at some future time.

It will be most fitting that at this first annual meeting since his passing a sincere vote of condolence should be forwarded to his sorrowing relatives.

I have just been looking at a photographic group of the members present at the 1913 annual meeting (there are 18 in the group), and I was struck by the fact that of these no fewer than five have passed over to the great majority, while of the others some have gone elsewhere, and of the 18 only four now remain on our membership list—Messrs. Day, Blackmore, Lyne and Prof. Davidson. Five are seated at the table, and only Dr. Hadwen survives of these.

We have once more succeeded in obtaining the usual grant from the Provincial Government, not, however, without the annual opposition from one or two members of the House, who, apparently, like to make this an occasion for alledgedly humorous remarks about Entomologists in general. One member in particular described that individual as a person who went about with a butterfly net and a pair of green spectacles to pounce upon butterflies and bugs to impale upon pins. He did, however, admit (and I give him full credit for generosity) that since the previous year he had discovered that the green-spectacled gentleman very considerably put them out of their misery painlessly with some sort of preparation, or, to use his own words, "some kind of dope." I think this gentleman must wear heavily smoked glasses himself.

From a collectors point, especially as regards Lepidoptera, the season of 1924 was possibly the worst experienced for many years. Many of the species which are usually more or less abundant were entirely absent; in spite of this, however, a few records new to the Province were made, while here and there some rare species were captured. The scarcity of Noctuid moths, however, has its good point, viz., the probable diminution of cut-worm injury.

Some new outbreaks of insect pests have occurred, notably in regard to scale insects; these, I understand, will be made the subject of papers to be read at this meeting, and I feel sure they will contain much information of value with reference to methods of attack and control of these unwelcome immigrants. Herein lies the great value to the community of such a society as ours, and I was pleased to note that this was made a good point of by the Minister of Agriculture when the subject of the annual grant was under discussion.

We are still very much behind the times in the matter of check lists of the various orders of insects of B. C., although some of our members have been quietly working along these lines, but it takes money, as well as hard work, to get them out and up to date, and unfortunately few can afford the expense.

I am sorry to find that there is again an absence of any papers from

some of our well known older members, whose contributions I am sure would be most welcome at the annual gathering, and I sincerely hope they may favor us with some notes or observations for our next meeting.

Most of us remember the papers which always used to be read at the annual meetings of the Parent Society from the pen of the late Dr. T. Fyles, with their pleasant conversational features recording his field notes each season. A few papers like these would do much to popularize the study of Entomology, and this is something much to be desired if we are to continue and flourish as a society. I have in mind an old friend of mine in Manitoba who began with a cigar box collection and who is now an active and valuable economic entomologist in the service of the Dominion. Our dear old friend Dr. Fletcher always made a point of encouraging and assisting the boy or girl collector who wished any information about the insects they captured.

The various members who specialize in the different orders are continuing their work and adding to our knowledge of the insect fauna of the Province. To mention a few, there are: Mr. Blackmore (Micro Lepidoptera); Mr. R. S. Sherman (Diptera); Mr. Downes (Hemiptera); Mr. Glendenning and Miss McDougall (Aphididae); Mr. Buckell (Orthoptera); etc., besides several general collectors.

I do not wish to trespass any longer on your time with these more or less disjointed remarks. You will have much more valuable information to listen to in the various papers to be read, and I will therefore conclude by wishing you all the utmost prosperity during 1925, and expressing the hope that our discussions at this session may prove of much value to the members of the B. C. Entomological Society, and also to the Province as a whole.

PANSY SPOTS ON APPLES
(A Peculiar Form of Thrips Injury.)

BY E. P. VENABLES

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The attention of those engaged in the production of apples in the North-Western United States, and also in British Columbia, is frequently attracted to certain peculiar yellowish-white blotches upon the skin of the fruit, each blotch bearing in its centre a distinct dark puncture. It is not uncommon to find as many as fifteen or more of these blemishes upon a single fruit. The term Pansy Spot has been applied to this trouble on account of the similarity in appearance of many of the spots to the bloom of a pansy.