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#### NEW BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY AT KINGSTON, ONT.

It is with much gratification that we announce to our readers that a new Branch of the Entomological Society of Canada has been organized at Kingston, Ont. We trust that it will go on and prosper, and emulate in hearty work and zeal the active Branch at London, which has been in successful operation for six years. The following letter has been addressed to us as Secretary to the General Society :

“DEAR SIR,—I have been instructed to inform you that on the 16th instant several gentlemen met and formed a Branch of the Entomological Society of Canada, subject, of course, to the acceptance or rejection of the Parent Society. We passed By-Laws, a copy of which I enclose for your perusal and approval. We likewise elected the following Officers :—Prof. N. F. Dupuis, President ; E. H. Collins, Vice-President ; and R. V. Rogers, jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

I trust that you will lay our case before the next meeting of your Society, and let us know whether we are accepted or not as soon as possible.

The original members are, Prof. Dupuis, E. H. Collins, O. Meyers, Dr. Neish, T. C. Wilson, and myself.

Yours etc. (Signed) R. VASHON ROGERS, Jun.

Kingston, Jan. 25, 1871.”

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#### DEATH OF MR. A. S. RITCHIE.

We were very much grieved to learn that Entomology has lost one of its most ardent students in this country, by the unexpected death of Mr. A. S. Ritchie, of Montreal, one of Editing Committee of the *Canadian Naturalist* and *Geologist*, and author of many valuable and interesting papers on various subjects in Natural History. In our next issue we hope to be able to give further particulars respecting this sad event ; at present we have only received information of the bare fact of his death.

At a recent meeting of the London Branch of the Entomological Society, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. That the members of this Society have heard with deep regret of the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. A. S. Ritchie, of Montreal. We feel that Entomology has lost in him a warm advocate and an industrious student, and we a valued fellow-labourer. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family and friends in their great affliction.

2. That copies of the above resolution be forwarded to Mrs. A. S. Ritchie, the Secretary of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and the Editor of the *Canadian Entomologist*.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

COLLECTING BEETLES IN AUTUMN AND WINTER.—I send you a few specimens of Coleoptera, some of which I think will prove acceptable. In the bottom of the quill you will find *Olisthopus micans*, Lec., and *Bembidium frontale*. In the middle *Sylvanus advena*, *S. Surinamensis*, and *Lathridius publicarius*. In the outer part *Loricera Neoscotica*, *Platynus Ruficollis*, *P. fuscescens*, Chaud.—The latter is not in Leconte's list. Except *Sylvanus* and *Lathridius*, these were taken late in November in a swamp by sifting the leaves from the dry spots (usually taken from the sunnyside of an old log) over a cloth. I mention the mode of capture as it may be useful to you, and late in the season will be found the most successful. For a sieve I used a piece of net, such as is put over horses in fly-time, stretched over a hoop. Many common species were also taken. By the same process—using a fine sieve from a fanning mill—I obtained from a little hay, leaves, etc., that had accumulated about the sills of a barn, between 30 and 40 species of beetles, several new to my collection and two or three (*Trichopterygidae*) that Dr. Horn supposes to be new to science. I think that early in spring the sifting process would be found useful about out-buildings, especially a barn or stable, as many insects are brought from the field in the hay, grain, etc.—JOHNSON PETTIT, Grimsby, Ont., Dec. 29th, 1870. [We are much obliged to our friend Mr. Pettit, for the interesting specimens that he has sent us, and shall be glad to receive further particulars from him respecting his captures and modes of collection.—ED. C. E.]

REARING BUTTERFLIES FROM THE EGG.—I see by the July number of the Entomologist—you may not know that it has penetrated to this corner of the world—that Mr. Edwards has published an account of his method of obtaining butterflies eggs. Last June he wrote me of his success, and a day or two before I left America I put the experiment to a proof on a small scale, using the cans used for preserved vegetables in lieu of a better substitute for Mr. Edwards "powder keg." In this way I obtained quantities of eggs of *Eud. Pylades* on clover and of *Neon. Eurytris* and *Hesp. Mystic* on grass. I had previously found eggs of *Pylades* in abun-