

NEWS AND VIEWS.

FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE
OF ENTOMOLOGISTS.

The fifteenth meeting of the I. G. P. C. E. was held at the Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon, Manitoba, on July 28 and 29, 1936, when the local officer in charge, Dr. R. D. Bird, acted as host and secretary. The meeting, which was opened by the president, Prof. A. G. Ruggles, was the first to be held in Canada since the death of the beloved late president and founder of the conference, Mr. Norman Criddle. Thirty-five delegates were in attendance including representatives from the four western Canadian provinces, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and District of Columbia. The program, as is customary, included reports on the insect pests of the season from each state and province. A symposium on "Methods of Insect Survey and Their Applications" included the following papers:

- Insect Surveys and Their Application by J. A. Munro, State Ent., Fargo, N. Dak.
 Survey Methods Used for the Pale Western Cutworm by H. L. Seamans, Ent. Br., Lethbridge, Alta.
 Survey Methods Used for Western Wheat Stem Sawfly by C. W. Farstad, Ent. Br., Lethbridge, Alta.
 Survey Methods for Potato Psyllid by G. F. Manson, Ent. Br. Lethbridge, Alta.
 Surveying for Red-Backed Cutworm by K. M. King, Ent. Br., Saskatoon, Sask.
 Methods of Surveying for Insect Parasitism by C. W. Smith, Ent. Br. Belleville, Ont.
 Surveying for Wireworms by K. M. King, Ent. Br., Saskatoon, Sask.

Additional papers were presented on the following subjects:

- The Place of Demonstrations and Illustrative Materials in the Programs of the I.G.P.C.E. by H. C. Severin, S. Dak. Agric. College, Brookings, S. Dak.
 Biology and Control of the Spruce Mite, *Paratetranychus ununguis* Jac by K. E. Stewart, Ent. Br., Indian Head, Sask.
 An Appraisal of the Economics of Grasshopper Control Methods in Saskatchewan, by L. C. Paul, Ent. Br., Saskatoon, Sask.
 Blister Beetles in South Dakota by Geo. Gilbertson, S. Dak. Agric. College, Brookings, S. Dak.

Round table and "lobby" discussions were held and the meeting was generally voted as being one of the most profitable gatherings of the group. The majority of the delegates stayed over to attend a meeting of the Canadian Committee on Grasshopper Research which was held at the Brandon Laboratory July 30 and August 1.

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