

Dorsum dark fuscous brown, embolium and cuneus yellowish white, apex of cuneus infuscated; membrane and veins uniformly dark fuscous. Ventral surface and legs red, darker on venter, xyphus and propleura pale, the latter with a broad red ray across coxal cleft and extending to basal margin; tibiae more yellowish red, spines black, tarsi blackish. Genital orifice large, claspers and aedaeus situated within the distal half; tip of aedaeus large, turned transversely to the left side, resting within the arm of the small left clasper; both claspers much the same type as in *Plagiognathus* but right clasper relatively larger.

Holotype: ♂ August 11, 1925, Ute Creek Ranch, Ft. Garland, Colorado (H. H. Knight); author's collection.

OBITUARY

ERNEST HENRY BLACKMORE

The Entomological Society of British Columbia records with sorrow the death of Mr. E. H. Blackmore, on March 2nd, 1929.

Ernest H. Blackmore was born in Ludlow, Shropshire, England, and came to Canada in 1904 in his early twenties. He lived in Stratford, Ontario, for two years and then moved to Calgary, where he was in the insurance business until entering the Money Order Department of the Postal Services in 1908. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to Victoria, B. C. remaining in the same department and becoming head of it in the Victoria branch in 1921.

From boyhood he was interested in insects, confining his attention, however, to Lepidoptera in general and, after coming to Victoria, to Geometridae in particular. After a visit to the National Collections at Ottawa he became especially interested in the Microlepidoptera and, largely through the encouragement of Mr. August Busck, of Washington and Dr. J. H. McDunnough, of Ottawa, he specialized in this group until his death. His name became identified with the Micros of this Province and his correspondence therewith contains, amongst others, communications from Benjamin, Busck, McDunnough, Casino, Swett, Miss Braun, Comstock, Meyrick, Prout, Schaus and Ottolengui.

His collections, consisting of nearly fifteen hundred species, represented by some eight thousand specimens, were obtained from all over the settled parts of this Province largely through his own efforts, but also through those of his wife and a wide circle of friends to whom he imparted much of his joyous enthusiasm. The exactness with which the Micros especially are mounted, remains as a monument to his painstaking care and attention to minute details.