

good practical work had also been done in the School of Mines connected with the Society, such as analyses, assaying, and instruction in mineralogy.

The report of the Hon. Curator, Mr. R. I. Kingsley, showed that the Museum was in good condition, and the list of contributions compared very favourably with those of previous years.

It was further reported that the accounts of the Society showed a credit balance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1890.—*President*—The Bishop of Nelson; *Vice-presidents*—A. S. Atkinson and Dr. Boor; *Council*—J. Holloway, R. I. Kingsley, Rev. A. R. Watson, Dr. Cressey, and Dr. Mackie; *Hon. Treasurer*—Dr. Hudson; *Hon. Secretary*—Dr. Coleman; *Hon. Curator*—R. I. Kingsley.

*Papers.*—1. "On the Occurrence of the Black Vine Weevil (*Otiorhynchus sulcatus*) in Nelson, New Zealand," by R. I. Kingsley. (*Transactions*, p. 338.)

Mr. Holloway showed enlarged drawings of the larva and pupa, and living specimens under glass were also handed round.

Mr. Holloway stated that this was the most destructive of the weevils, and attacked shrubs as well. He would advise that a little carbolic solution be poured on the spot where they appeared thickest: they would not stand a second application.

Dr. Boor advised carbolic powder as being much better to handle; he had found it very efficacious for wood-lice.

Dr. Mackie had observed the same insect in his own garden.

2. "Alaska and the Mammoth," by T. Blake-Huffam.

This paper elicited considerable discussion.

3. "On a Specimen of the Great Ribbon-fish (*Regalecus argenteus*) taken in Nelson Harbour," by R. I. Kingsley. (*Transactions*, p. 333.)

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