

Mr. Sanderson described the recent spread of the gypsy moth in New Hampshire, and stated that small colonies, some of only a single egg cluster each, were being found in the hill towns miles from the nearest known infested point. He believed that the only way of accounting for the presence of these colonies is that there is some means of distribution of this insect which at present is unknown.

This closed the discussion of the papers presented, and the meeting formally adjourned.

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We regret that owing to limitation of space it has been impossible to include in this number all of the papers presented by title or otherwise, at the twentieth meeting of the Association of Economic Entomologists. The papers remaining will appear in the next issue.

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### STATEMENT BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROPRIETARY INSECTICIDES

At the Chicago meeting it was voted (see page 10, Feb. issue,) that all new proprietary insecticides offered to members of this association be referred to this committee, who will then proceed as suggested in the report of the committee on this matter of last year, Part II.

Your committee has recently received communications from J. W. Lafer, Catawba Island, Ohio, regarding a remedy to be applied to the roots of trees to prevent the attacks of insects and generally stimulate the tree. Mr. Lafer states that some 12 Stations have signified their willingness to test this remedy. Your committee begs to recommend to the entomologists of the association that any tests which may be desired be made after consulting with this committee, so that the number of tests may be reduced in number. It is the judgment of your committee that the testing of this substance is of doubtful expediency until the proportions of its ingredients are known.

Your committee further requests that any new insecticides which are submitted for testing be called to their attention with a statement as to whether the party wishes to make a test of them and any suggestions concerning the matter. We believe that in this way the testing of proprietary insecticides can be much simplified.

As instructed at Chicago, your committee has had prepared, thru the courtesy of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, a National Insecticide Law which will probably be introduced during the present session of Congress. Copies will be furnished members of the association as soon as the bill is in print.

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*Chairman.*



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