

OBITUARY

ARTHUR CHARLES SHEPPARD (1902-1987)

The staff of the Lyman Entomological Museum and all who knew Arthur Charles Sheppard feel a deep sense of loss with his death on 10 March 1987.

Mr. Sheppard was born at Henley-on-Thames, Oxford, England, on 4 August 1902. At the age of 5, he came with his parents to live in Montréal. His formal education in schools was limited; he left school at the age of 13 to obtain gainful employment. He did, however, continue his education at night schools to prepare himself for the business world. He was employed by the Canadian Import Company in Montréal from February 1920 until he retired in April 1968 as Chief Accountant.

Charles Sheppard's father provided the "spark" that initiated his life-long interest and avocation in the world of nature. Together they observed and studied birds on weekly Sunday morning walks. In those days, Montréal was much different than it is now and observations of birds and insects could be made by strolling along Decarie Boulevard. At the age of 9, Sheppard became fascinated with insects and their ways and started his first insect collection.

By 1917, he began more intensive study of insects and exhibited a small collection of butterflies at a Y.M.C.A. hobby show, and similar exhibits at Boy Scout hobby shows. It was at one of these shows that he met Albert F. Winn, then Curator of the Lyman Collection of insects at the Redpath Museum, McGill University. Winn urged him to join the Montréal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which he did in June 1918. The meetings of the Branch provided the opportunity for the young man to meet many entomologists, amateur and professional. His association with these people with common interests was all that was needed to develop and intensify his enduring interest in the Lepidoptera, particularly of the eastern Canadian species.

Sheppard was Secretary-Treasurer of the Montréal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario during 1937 and 1946-49, and Treasurer in 1950. Following revival of the Entomological Society of Québec, he was Treasurer in 1951 and then Treasurer of the Montréal Branch from 1952 to 1954. At the time of his death, he had been a member of the Society continuously for more than 68 years. The Québec Society honored him by conferring on him the status of Honorary Member.

He was a charter member of the Lepidopterists' Society and a member of the Québec Society for the Protection of Birds, since 1935. From 1938 to 1947, he was a member of the Southern California Academy of Sciences.

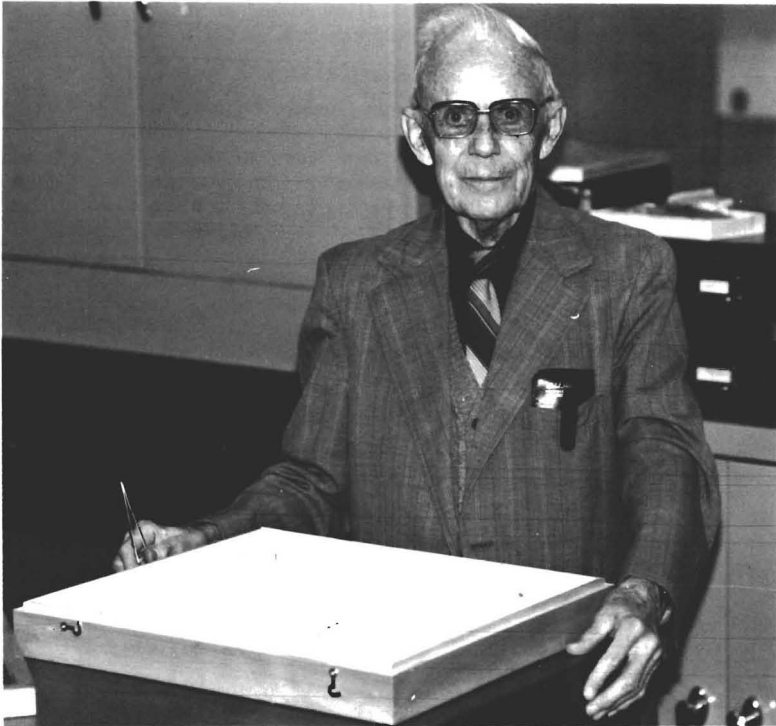
His association with the Lyman collection of insects began in 1918 and continued over the years as many Entomological Society meetings were held at the Redpath Museum in the "Lyman Room". He was closely associated with George A. Moore, Curator of the Lyman collections after the death of Winn in 1935.

The Lyman collection of insects was moved to Macdonald College in 1961, to become the Lyman Entomological Museum, when I was appointed Curator.

Sheppard's association with the collection continued, and following his retirement from the Canadian Import Company, he was appointed Honorary Curator (Lepidoptera), a position he held until his death. He was also a member of long standing on the Lyman Entomological Committee of McGill University, the committee which served many years as overseer of Museum operations.

Sheppard's work on Lepidoptera was invaluable. The Museum, known since 1972 as Lyman Entomological Museum and Research Laboratory, benefitted not only by his skill and patience in pinning specimens of the tiniest Microlepidoptera and in rearing specimens, but also by his arranging and curation. He donated many thousands of specimens to the Museum, and when the Museum purchased his personal collection (approximately 30,000 specimens) we determined that he had already donated at least that many specimens. The result is that the Lyman Lepidoptera is the finest and most complete collection of Québec lepidoptera in existence. Sheppard also discovered several new species of insects. He described one species, and a number of other species were named in his honor.

All of us who worked closely with Charles Sheppard in the Museum, particularly



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Honorary Curator D. Neil Duffy and I, knew him as a shy, unassuming individual, always ready to share his seemingly endless store of knowledge, yet too modest to accept the credit that he so richly deserved. He was a true and loyal friend and in every way a real gentleman. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughter Helen (Mrs. C. W. Walker), granddaughters Brenda, Laurie, and Nancy, his sister Dorothy and a number of step-children and their families. We sympathize with them and share their loss.

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