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FOREWORD

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Outbreaks of the forest tent caterpillar have highlighted reports dealing with forest insect surveys for the past several years. In 1965, the outbreak in Western Ontario reached its peak and poplar stands within an area of about 34,000 square miles were severely defoliated. Egg surveys in the fall revealed that a marked decline in infestation intensity will occur in Sioux Lookout and Kenora districts but high larval populations will persist in Fort Frances and Port Arthur districts in 1966. Trends in infestation intensities will vary from area to area in eastern Ontario, with the most noteworthy increase in the extent of infestations occurring in the Lake Nipissing outbreak.

The development of new infestations of Bruce spanworm and the European pine sawfly were of particular interest in 1965. Infestations of the former occurred in Sault Ste, Marie, Sudbury and Pembroke districts. Severe defoliation of hardwoods that resulted in relatively large areas represented first records of extensive infestations in Ontario. A major extension in the known distribution of the European pine sawfly was recorded when the insect was found in two Scots pine plantations on Manitoulin Island. This extension places the insect much closer to major stands of jack pine in northern Ontario.

For the third consecutive year low temperatures in the spring caused considerable mortality of the current year's shoots of balsam fir and white spruce at many locations in Ontario. Continued cold weather throughout the summer delayed the development of many insects and in some instances larvae failed to reach maturity before freezing temperatures occurred in the fall.

Tree disease surveys continued to reveal serious losses of white elm resulting from Dutch elm disease in southern Ontario. In northern Ontario two centers of infection occurred on Manitoulin Island and infected elm were found at one location near Spanish on the Morth Shore of Lake Huron. Intensive surveys to determine the distribution and incidence of this disease will be continued in 1966.

During the early years of the Survey in Ontario Field Technicians were largely concerned with determining the distribution and abundance of forest insects and appraising losses in forest stands. As a consequence the detection aspect of survey work was of a high order. Later, added responsibility for disease surveys and the development of more elaborate sampling procedures, reduced the time available for purely detection work. To compensate for this, greater emphasis has been placed on systematic aerial reconnaissance throughout the vast forested areas of central and northern Ontario.

The Survey welcomed the addition of a Forest Research Technician to its staff in 1965. This appointment now provides one field representative for each district in the Southeastern Region where formerly three men were responsible for survey work in four districts.

In the reports that follow, insects and tree diseases that are of interest in adjoining districts are dealt with on a regional basis. Others are dealt with in detail on a district basis.

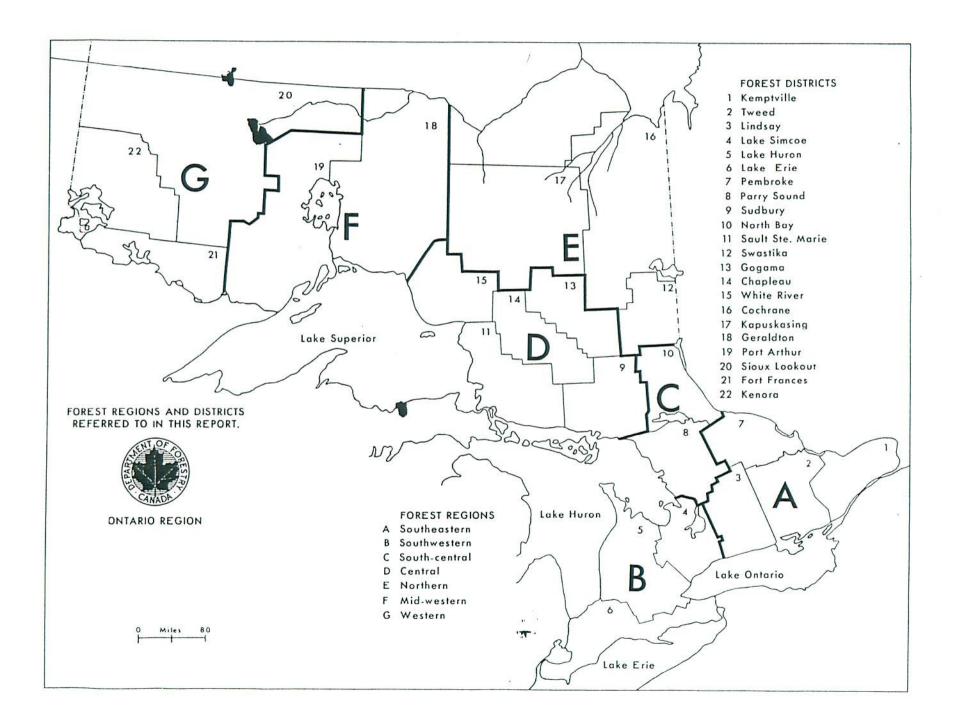


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STATUS OF INSECTS

Ugly-nest Caterpillar, Archips cerasivoranus Fitch

Population levels of this insect increased in the southern part of the district in 1965. The heaviest infestations occurred near the village of Alice in Alice Township and along Highway 41 near the village of Shady Nook in Stafford Township. In the former location larval colonies more than tripled in number compared with 1964 (Table 8).

Moderate infestations were observed along the Madawaska-Cross Lake Road in Murchison Township and near Lake Dore in Wilberforce Township. Light infestations occurred along Highway 60 in Airy, Nightingale and Sherwood townships.

TABLE 8

Summary of Ugly-nest Caterpillar Colony Counts in Pembroke District in 1964 and 1965

Location	Tree	No. of nests observed per mi	le of roadside
(township)	species	1964	1965
Alice	ecCh	210	673
Airy	11	_	3
Bromley	T .	The part (C. Landonski T. Welling)	19
Murchison		27	27
Nightingale	11	-	2
Ross	11		8
Sherwood	11	2	3
Stafford	11		30
Wilberforce	- n	29	28

Larch Casebearer, Coleophora laricella Hbn.

Population levels of this introduced casebearer have been low since 1954. Larval counts at eight locations are shown in Table 9.

Summary of Larch Casebearer Counts in Pembroke District in 1964 and 1965

Location	Av. d.b.h		es <u>Av</u>		f larvae	per 18-inch	The second second second	tip
(township)	 in in	nches		1964			1965	
Airy		3		.88			.88	
Bromley		5		• 50			0	
Buchanan	owi imitel	6		1.62			1.62	
Cameron	That gard at	5		2.43			.88	
N. Algona	\$10 1 PK 18	3		1.56			.88	
Rolph		4		0.31			2.0	9
Sproule		9		1.2			3.3	
Westmeath	•	7		.62			.25	

This insect is of European origin, and was first recorded at Northampton, Massachusetts in the United States in 1886. It has since spread throughout most of the range of larch in the eastern half of the United States and Canada. Surveys have continued to record changes in northern and western limits of distribution of this species in northern Ontario. The range extends through southern Ontario to Fort Frances District in the west and approximately 75 miles north of Lake Superior in the north.

The adults emerge in late May to early July and lay one or more eggs. On hatching, the larva bores into the needle, feeds as a miner until September, then constructs a greyish cigar-shaped case. In the fall the larva hibernates on the twigs or trunk of the tree. Feeding resumes when the foliage begins to develop in April and, by the latter half of May, larval development is completed. The greatest damage occurs in the spring when the infested parts of the foliage withers and dies.

European Spruce Sawfly, Diprion hercyniae (Htg.)

An increase in population levels of this insect occurred at four of five sample locations in 1965 (Table 10). Light defoliation of open-grown white spruce trees was observed near Pretty Lake in Edgar Township. Little or no defoliation was observed elsewhere in the district.

TABLE 10
Summary of European Spruce Sawfly Larval Counts in Pembroke District in 1964 and 1965

Location	Av. d.b.h. of trees		of larvae cray sample
(township)	in inches	1964	1965
Alice	8	6	31
Cameron	8	27	39 23
Clara	6	32	23
Edgar	8	-	135
Maria	4	19	29

White-pine Shoot Borer, Eucosma gloriola Heinr.

A decline in population levels of this borer occurred in the Beachburg Tract in Westmeath Township. In 1964, 51 per cent of the trees examined in a red pine plantation at this location were infested, and 21 per cent had infested leaders. In 1965, only five shoots were infested in the same plot and no leaders were attacked.

Alder Leaf Miner, Fenusa dohrnii (Tischb.)

A marked decline in populations of this leaf miner occurred in most of the district. However, moderate infestations were observed along the Ottawa River in Head Township, on the southwest shore of Shirley Lake in Preston Township and at Opeongo Lake in Dickson Township (Table 11). Light infestations persisted near the village of Whitney in Airy Township and along Highway 17 in Clara Township.

TABLE 11

Summary of Damage by the Alder Leaf Miner in Pembroke District from 1963 to 1965

Note: Counts were based on the examination of 100 leaves from alder bushes at each location.

Location (township)	Av. height of trees in feet	Per cent of leaves mined			cent of l		
(comisity)		1963 1	1964	1965	1963	1964	1965
Airy	15	16	4	18	5	5	10
Clara	15	30	15	3	5	5	5
Dickson	15	_	_	25	_	-	10
Head	15	-	-	26	-		5
Preston	15	_	-	18	-	-	10

Birch Leaf Miner, Fenusa pusilla (Lep.)

Generally, infestations of this insect increased in intensity in 1965. Heavy infestations occurred at sample locations in Rolph, Sproule, and Westmeath townships (Table 12). One particularly heavy infestation recurred on five European birch shade trees at the Forestry Station in Buchanan Township. These trees were severely mined by both first and second generation larvae. Light infestations were observed on reproduction and the lower branches of host trees elsewhere in the district.

TABLE 12

Summary of Damage by the Birch Leaf Miner in Pembroke District from 1963 to 1965

Note: Counts were based on the examination of 100 leaves from five birch trees at each location.

Location		Av. d.b.h. of	Per ce	ent of I	leaves		cent of :	
(township)	7 10.	trees in inches	1963	1964	1965	1963	1964	1965
Buchanan		3	-	92	97		25	25
Rolph		3	18	27	21	60	25	25
Sproule		3	25	31	15	40	35	10
Westmeath		3	19	32	29	20	20	50

Eastern Tent Caterpillar, Malacosoma americanum (F.)

A sharp increase in population levels of this insect occurred in the southern part of the district. Counts of infested roadside trees at nine locations averaged 281 tents per measured mile in 1965 compared with 93 tents in 1964.

Complete defoliation of roadside cherry bushes occurred near the village of

Alice in Alice Township where 860 tents were counted in one measured mile of roadside trees (Table 13). Because of the overlapping of heavy infestations of Malacosoma disstria Hbn. and Malacosoma americanum (F.) at this location, all deciduous trees were completely defoliated until mid-July when refoliation occurred (see photograph).

Severe defoliation of roadside cherry bushes was observed in Fraser, Stafford, and Hagarty townships and pockets of light infestation occurred as far north as Dickson Township.

TABLE 13

Summary of Eastern Tent Caterpillar Colony Counts in Pembroke District from 1963 to 1965

Location	Tree	s observed per mile	of roadside	
(township)	species	1963	1964	1965
Alice	ecCh	24	107	860
Buchanan	pCh	27	2	39
Fraser	ecCh	27	149	423
Hagarty	ecCh	50	176	305
Lyell	ecCh	26	76	35
Petawawa	ecCh	23	on formers the independence	195
Stafford	ecCh	22	69	352
Westmeath	ecCh	24	89	115
Wilberforce	ecCh	43	167	206

Cedar Sawfly, Monoctenus fulvus Nort.

Population levels of this insect have declined since 1962. This trend is shown in larval counts summarized in Table 14.

TABLE 14
Summary of Cedar Sawfly Larval Counts Taken from White Cedar in Pembroke District from 1963 to 1965

Location	Av. d.b.h. of trees		al no. of lar r 15-tray sa	
(township)	in inches	1963	1964	1965
Bromley	7	146	47	1
N. Algona	7	180	13	2
Ross	6	293	142	33
S. Algona	6	263	33	7
Westmeath	8 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	90	22	36
Wilberforce	6	162	22	4

Red-headed Pine Sawfly, Neodiprion lecontei (Fitch)

Infestations of this sawfly increased in intensity in 1965. High populations persisted in private plantations in Wilberforce and Cameron townships. Moderate infestations were observed along Highway 17 in Cameron, Clara, and Maria townships and light infestations occurred in Hagarty, Alice, and Wilberforce townships (Table 15).

As in previous years, control measures using 2.5 per cent D.D.T. spray applied with pack sprayers, and the removal of colonies by hand pruning were carried out in private and crown owned plantations.

TABLE 15
Summary of Red-headed Pine Sawfly Colony Counts on Red Pine Trees in the Pembroke District in 1965

Location (township)	No. of trees examined	No. of trees infested	No. of colonies observed	Av. no. colonies per infested trees
Alice	150	2	3	1.5
Cameron	175	17	22	1.3
Cameron	250	9	14	1.6
Clara	75	14	16	1.1
Hagarty	150	2	4	2.0
Maria	100	1	to the last of the same of	1.0
Wilberforce	225	60	66	1.1
11	20	15	23	1.5
n n	150	1	1	1.0

Pine Sawfly, Neodiprion maurus Roh.

A medium infestation persisted in the central part of the district. Heavy infestations reported in Clara, Niven, and Fitzgerald townships in 1964 subsided in 1965. A light infestation occurred along the Hydro Electric transmission line in Bronson Township.

A decline in population levels also occurred near Lake Traverse in White Township where 42 colonies were counted on ten trees in 1964 compared with 31 colonies in 1965. Six 6-foot jack pine trees were examined and tagged on May 15 in 1965 in an effort to determine the oviposition period. Examination of all the foliage on these trees revealed that oviposition did not occur in the fall of 1964. However, larval colonies were observed on all six tagged trees on July 5, 1965. Therefore oviposition occurred between May 15 and July 5. Further observations will be made in 1966.

Red Pine Sawfly, Neodiprion nanulus nanulus Schedl.

An increase in population levels of this insect occurred in the northern and eastern parts of the district. Heavy infestations were observed on jack pine trees in the Beachburg Tract in Westmeath Township and near the main gate of Camp Petawawa in Petawawa Township (Table 16).

Severe defoliation of red pine windbreaks occurred along Highway 17 in Cameron and Ross townships (see photograph). Moderate to severe defoliation of fringe red pine trees was observed in a private plantation near the village of Beachburg in Westmeath Township. These infestations were the first observed on red pine in the district since 1954.

TABLE 16
Summary of Red Pine Sawfly Colony Counts in Pembroke District in 1965

Location (township)	Tree species	Av. d.b.h. of trees in inches	Av. no. of colonies per tree from ten trees
Cameron	rP	6	T believed in 19
Fraser	jP	6	1.6
Petawawa	jР	10	2,5
Ross	rP	4	11,0
Westmeath	rP	6	6.5
Westmeath	jР	3	2.2

Jack-pine Sawfly, Neodiprion pratti paradoxicus Ross

Colonies of this sawfly were more numerous in the district than in 1964. Moderate defoliation occurred near the village of Petawawa in Petawawa Township and in the Beachburg Tract in Westmeath Township. A small pocket of medium infestation occurred in a woodlot near the village of Golden Lake in N. Algona Township (Table 17). Scattered colonies were observed in Buchanan and Richards townships.

TABLE 17
Summary of Jack-pine Sawfly Colony Counts in Pembroke District in 1964 and 1965

Location	Av. d.b.h. of trees	Av. no. of colonies per tre	
(township)	in inches	1964	1965
Bronson	6	3	0
Buchanan	6	draw vol. spens; margagrated	3
Maria	6	ACT IN O DESCRIPTION WISH NOTES	ó
N. Algona	10	15	25
Petawawa	4	cholines in the pagines and ance	10
Richards	6	O E Langue Ball Lo	1
Westmeath	6	21	26

A Leaf Folding Sawfly, Phyllocolpa spp. (Nematus sp.)

This sawfly increased in numbers in 1965. An average of 56 folds per 100 leaves was recorded at sample locations in 1965 compared with 41 folds in 1964 (Table 18).

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TABLE 18

Summary of Counts of the Leaf Folding Sawfly in Pembroke District from 1963 to 1965

Location	Av. d.b.h. of trees	No. of	folds per 100 leaves	examined
(township)	in inches	1963	1964	1965
Cameron	3	10	1	22
Clara	3	16	3	30
Finlayson	3	30	37	52
Fraser	3	16	67	83
Maria	3	30	3	29
Richards	Ĩ.	17	61	92
Rolph	3	29	40	48
Sabine	Ĺ.	21	47	38
Westmeath	3	31	108	112

Yellow-headed Spruce Sawfly, Pikonema alaskensis (Roh.)

Severe defoliation of white and black spruce trees by this insect was observed along the Hydro Electric transmission line in Barron and Clancy townships. Light defoliation of lakeshore trees occurred at Lake Louisa in Nightingale Township and along an access road in Freswick Township.

White-pine Weevil, Pissodes strobi Peck.

Population levels of this weevil were generally lower in the district than in 1964 (Table 19). A new heavy infestation occurred in a small private Scots pine plantation along Highway 17 in Cameron Township. Control by clipping and burning infested leaders was carried out in Murchison and Airy townships by personnel of the Department of Lands and Forests.

TABLE 19
Summary of Shoot Damage by the White-pine Weevil in Pembroke District in 1964 and 1965

Location	Tree	Av. height of trees	No. of trees	Degree of	Per cent weevil	
(township)	species	in feet	examined	shade	1964	1965
Buchanan	wP	15	100	0	38	28
Cameron	scP	15	100	0	37	31
Cameron	rP, scP	5	100	0		21
Maria	jP	12	100	0	14	5
Preston	wP	40	460	0	3	3
Stratton	wP, jP	15	100	10	32	0

Larch Sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.)

Population levels of this insect were at a low ebb in the district in 1965. Only single colonies of larvae were observed on small open-grown trees in mixed stands at eight widely-separated locations.

Mountain-ash Sawfly, Pristiphora geniculata (Htg.)

Populations of this insect remained at approximately the same level as in 1964. Moderate to severe defoliation occurred along access roads in Preston, Freswick, and Bower townships in Algonquin Park, and near the Pembroke-Tweed district boundary in Jones and Sherwood townships. Light defoliation recurred on shade trees in the Town of Pembroke.

Poplar Leaf-roller, Pseudexentera oregonana Wlshm.

Heavy infestations of this insect occurred in the district for the third consecutive year. Severe defoliation of trembling aspen stands was observed near the village of Madawaska in Murchison Township, along Highway 41 near Rankin in Wilberforce Township and in the Beachburg Tract in Westmeath Township (see map). Moderate infestations occurred in N. Algona, Head, and Burns townships. At some locations larvae of Gonioctena americana Schaeff., Malacosoma disstria Hbn. and Pseudexentera oregonana Wlshm. caused complete defoliation of trembling aspen trees.

Pine Tortoise Scale, Toumeyella numismaticum (P. & M.)

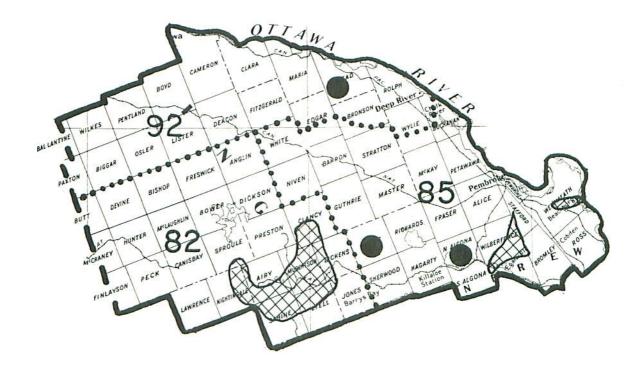
A medium infestation of this insect was observed in a Scots pine plantation near Germanicus in Wilberforce Township. Of 100 trees examined, 37 were infested, but no mortality was observed. A light infestation occurred on open-grown jack pine trees near the village of Golden Lake in North Algona Township.

This is the first record of the scale in the Pembroke District in recent years, although infestations have been recorded in North Bay and Parry Sound districts.

Summary of Miscellaneous Insects Collected in Pembroke District

Insect	Host	(s)	Remarks
Acleris variana (Fern.)	bS,	wS	Few on beating tray samples in Cameron, Westmeath, and Bromley twps.
Adelges abietis Linn.	bS,	wS	Few galls in Buchanan and West- meath twps.
Adelges lariciatus (Patch)	wS,	tL	Galls common throughout the district. Adults observed on the the alternate host, in Cameron and Clara twps.
Adelges strobilobius Kalt.	bS		Galls common throughout the district.
Agromyzidae	hyPo		Leaf miners very plentiful on six trees in Buchanan Twp. 100 leaves examined, 100 leaves infested, 50 per cent of leaf surface mined.

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POPLAR LEAF ROLLER
Pseudexentera oregonana Wlshm.

Areas in which defoliation occurred in 1965

Legend

Moderate to severe defoliation.....





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Miscellaneous Insects (continued)

Insect	Host(s)	Remarks
		Severe defoliation of lakeshore
Altica ambiens alni Harr.	Al	alder bushes in Niven, Preston,
		alder busnes in Niven, Freston,
	900000	Freswick, and Bower twps.
Altica populi Brown	bPo	Heavy infestation on reproduction
		of six shade trees on old farm in
		Westmeath Twp.
Anacampsis innocuella Zell.	tA	Few leaf rollers in Airy, Cameron,
madampara rimodu-		Dickson, and Sabine twps.
Aphrophora parallela Say	scP	Heavy infestation in Christmas tree
Aphrophora paraffera bay	1.T. T. T.	plantation in Westmeath Twp.
n 1 n 12	wP, bF	Species found in district include
Bark Beetles		Pityogenes hopkinsi, Ips pini,
	wS, jP, rP	Pityogenes sparsus, Orthotomicus
		caelatus, Polygraphus rufipennis,
# 060		Ips perroti, Ips borealis.
	· .	ips perrout, ips boreairs.
Choristoneura fumiferana (Clem.)	bF	Six larvae on a 20 beating tray
	8	sample in Westmeath Twp.
Cingilia sp.	Shrub	Extremely heavy moth flight in
		September in Buchanan Twp.
Dasyneura balsamicola (Lint.)	bF	Moderate infestations in Bromley,
basylicara bassassis,		Maria, Bronson, and Dickson twps.
Dichelonyx sp.	lA	Severe defoliation of five 1-inch
Dicheronyx sp.	80	trees in Clara Twp.
Endemond binetata Sar	Leather-	Adults very numerous on shrubs at
Enchenopa binotata Say	wood	one location in Bromley Twp.
	rM	Heavy infestations at numerous
Eriophyes sp.	LH	locations.
(513.)	wE	Heavy infestation on one shade tree
Eriosoma americanum (Riley)	MT	in Haleys Sta., Ross Twp.
		Moderate to severe defoliation in
Gonioctena americana (Schaeff.)	tA	Moderate to severe defoliation in
		Richards, Wilberforce, N. Algona,
		and Airy twps.
Hylobius radicis Buch.	scP	Heavy mortality at two locations in
,		Westmeath Twp.
Hyphantria cunea Dru.	wE	Three nests in Wilberforce Twp.
Lithocolletis salicifoliella	cPo, tA	Light infestation in Wilberforce Tw
Chamb.		and moderate infestation in Richard
Olicano •		Twp.
at a see walking a Malah	tA	Heavy infestation on two trees in
Mordvilkoja vagabunda Walsh	on	Clara Twp.
	W	Severe defoliation of five roadside
Nematus limbatus Cress.	VV	trees in Wylie Twp.
(C	Six colonies on two 3" trees in
Neodiprion abietis (Harr.)	wS	Daniel The Single large on
		Bronson Twp. Single larva on
		beating tray samples in Cameron,
		Clara, and Bromley twps.
Neodiprion virginianus complex	jР	Thirteen colonies on ten trees in
1100mb11011 1110	7.	Edgar Twp.
Neurotoma inconspicua (Nort.)	pCh	Two colonies on roadside bushes in
Ment oround Tireoughtone (mor oa)		Wilberforce Twp.

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Miscellaneous Insects (continued)

Insect	Host(s)	Remarks
Palthis angulatis Hbn.	wS	Few larvae on beating tray samples
Pemphigus sp.	bPo	in Edgar Twp. Heavy infestation on reproduction
Petrova albicapitana Busck.	scP	In Stratton Twp. Moderate infestation in pine
Phenacaspis pinifoliae Fitch	Mugho,	plantation in Westmeath Twp. Heavy infestation on ornamental
and desirable of the state of	wP	trees in the village of Deep River. Light infestation on white pine
Phytagromyza populicola (Hal.)	сРо	stand in S. Algona Twp. Heavy infestation on shade trees in Wilberforce Twp. 100 leaves
Pikonema dimmockii (Cress.)	wS	examined, 96 leaves infested. Few larvae on beating tray
Pleroneura borealis Felt.	bF	samples in Cameron Twp. Moderate to heavy for three years. Negative at all sample locations
Profenusa thomsoni (Konow)	wB	in 1965. Few mines in Bronson, Master, and
Rheumaptera hastata Linn.	wB	Preston twps. Numerous leaf folds on open-grown
Semiothisa dispuncta Wlk.	wS	trees in Wilberforce Twp. Common on beating tray samples.
Frichiocampus viminalis (Fall.)	hyPo	Severe defoliation of six shade trees in Pembroke Twp.
Jasates quadripes Shim.	rM	Leaf galls very plentiful on small trees in Westmeath Twp.