

woodpeckers, tree sparrows, etc., little or nothing was to be seen. Even the brown creepers were very scarce. None whatever of our irregular winter visitants from the North arrived, such as snowflakes, pine grosbeaks and redpolls, while on the other hand, none of our irregular winter residents, such as goldfinches and pine siskins stayed, although early in January a few bands of cedar waxwings and golden-crowned kinglets were noticed. The migrations from the south so far this spring have been very irregular. As a rule robins, bronzed grackles and song sparrows arrive about the 15th to 20th of March, followed a few days later by bluebirds. The first indications of the spring movement were large bands of crows arriving on March 7th, the first I had seen this year. On March 12th robins arrived in some numbers, and I saw and heard one bronzed grackle, but not having seen any since think it must have travelled here with the robins. On March 14th a flock of three kildeer were sporting along the Grand River, which is very early for this bird. Tree sparrows are now giving song, but song sparrows and bluebirds have not arrived to my knowledge. To-day I saw a fine specimen of the great horned owl. We have still a depth of 20 inches of snow in the sheltered level woods as measured in many places to-day.

Galt, Ont., March 22nd, 1908.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Council was held on February 25th in the Normal School. Members present: the President, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Messrs. A. E. Attwood, A. Halkett, A. Gibson, E. E. Lemieux, H. H. Pitts, and T. E. Clarke; Rev. G. Eifrig, Miss A. L. Matthews, and Miss I. Ritchie.

Two ordinary members were elected, Mr. E. P. Venable, of Vernon, B.C., and Mr. F. W. Jacombe, M.A., M.F., Ottawa.

The Secretary presented a letter from the newly-formed Natural History Society of Edmonton, asking for any suggestions the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club might be able to offer to a new organization. This led Mr. Eifrig to suggest that we, ourselves, might with profit make a distinction between members of the Club and subscribers to THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. Several arguments were advanced for and against this plan, but no action was taken.

The Treasurer was instructed to notify delinquent members that names of those in arrears for more than two years would be struck off the lists.

Mr. Halkett was appointed to write a descriptive article on The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club for publication in the Saturday edition of one of the local papers.

The last Council meeting for the Club year 1907-08 was held on March 10th in the Normal School. The members in attend-