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THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15TH MARCH, 1904.

During the year twenty-one ordinary members and one honorary member were added to the Club. The total membership is now 266, composed of 258 ordinary members and eight corresponding.

SOIRÉES.

All the soirées except the last have been held and have proved interesting and profitable; the attendance being up to the average. The full programme was printed in the March number of THE NATURALIST. The first meeting was of special interest, as it was held to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Club. The speakers were all members of the first Council, and each told briefly of some of the many changes that have taken place during the past twenty-five years, and the part the Club has taken in directing and leading scientific thought in the community—a record which fully justifies the Club's right to exist, and one which should command the hearty sympathy and support of all intelligent people.

EXCURSIONS.

Nine sub-excursions were held during the year at which the attendance varied from twenty to two hundred. These excursions were to places in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa and were highly successful. Special attention was given to the forest trees, their mode of growth and the various means of identifying them, especially by the buds. The two general excursions were to Chelsea and Alymer, the former, held the 16th of May, was attended by over three hundred members and friends of the Club,