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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB, 1913-14.

On the completion of the thirty-fourth year of the existence of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, the Council begs to present a summary of the work undertaken and accomplished during the past season.

Eight meetings of the Council have been held. The standing committees, the editor and associate editors of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, the librarian and the excursion leaders were appointed at the first meeting.

The membership of the Club is now 311. During the year 14 members were elected, 11 resigned, 7 were removed from the list for non-payment of dues and there was one death, making a total loss of 19.

The Club was represented at the Jubilee Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which was held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, August 27th-29th, 1913, by Mr. Arthur Gibson, and at the meetings of the Royal Society, held in Ottawa, by the President, Mr. L. H. Newman.

The usual work under the direction of the various committees has been conducted along much the same lines as followed in previous years, and some new field operations have been commenced from which much is expected. Steps are being taken to interest the proper authorities in the preservation, in the natural condition, of certain areas in the Ottawa district which are especially valuable for natural history study, instead of allowing them to be subdivided into building lots.

PRESERVATION OF BIRD LIFE.

A prominent feature of the Club's work this year has been the attention given to the preservation of bird life, as a result of which bird sanctuaries will be established at Rockcliffe Park and the Experimental Farm. In the Rockcliffe sanctuary 250