

ful set of rules to be followed by the farmer for the procuring and preservation of a pure water supply.

The Local Committee of Arrangements, with Sheriff Sweetland as Chairman, and Mr. Thos. Macfarlane as Secretary, are to be congratulated on the success that attended their labours both before and during the convention. The visiting members agreed that their reception had been most cordial and that the hospitality they had received and the entertainments and excursions provided had made their short sojourn in Ottawa a most pleasant one.

A BLACK SQUIRREL AT OTTAWA.—A fine Black Squirrel was shot recently on the property of Mr. George Holland on the Richmond Road. The specimen was in good condition and has been well stuffed by Mr. Dupuy, of Hintonburgh. It is now in the possession of Mr. Holland. The Black Squirrel, which is a melanic variety of the Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus Carolinensis*), is very rare at Ottawa. There are only one or two records of its having been seen here.

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#### SOIREES.

The usual Evening meetings will be held during the coming winter for Lectures, the reading of Papers and Short Notes, and the reception of the Reports of the various Branches. It is hoped to make the *exhibition of specimens* and *informal discussions* conspicuous features of next winter's meetings. Members of the Club who are desirous of submitting papers are invited to communicate with the Soirée Committee or with any member of the Council as soon as possible, so that the programme may be arranged without delay.

The names of the members of the Council are printed on the last cover of each number of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.