

sap is commencing to revivify vegetation, the insects are crawling from their hibernating crevices ; a few days more and all nature will feel the rapid throbs of a new season of growth and development. Let us take every advantage of this finest season of the year, and leave cabinet and book-study to be true Field-Naturalists.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1892-93.

To the Members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club :

In presenting this, the *fourteenth* Annual Report of the work of the Club, your Council has much pleasure in stating that continued interest exists, and a large amount of valuable work has been accomplished. The growing interest which the public of Ottawa is taking in the excursions and soireés of the Club is very manifest, judging from the attendance on these occasions, as also from requests for admission to our membership.

One of the first duties of your Council after election was to appoint the various standing committees and leaders in the various branches, to give aid and information to members, and keep records of the season's work. *Fourteen* Council meetings were held during the year at which the routine and executive work of the Club was carried on.

Twenty-nine new members were elected during the past year, whilst a few of our membership have gone, some out of the city to other portions of the country, while others we mourn. Amongst the latter are the following : —

REV. ABBÉ PROVANCHER, of Cap Rouge, Quebec. This zealous and relentless student of Botany and Entomology was elected a *Corresponding member* of our Club in 1886. For many years he edited and wrote extensively for "*Le Naturaliste Canadien*," published in Quebec. The Abbé was the author of several interesting volumes on Natural History in the Province of Quebec.

WILLIAM PITTMAN LETT. For upwards of *nine* years our late lamented City Clerk was an active member of the Club, and occupied the post of Leader in Zoology on several occasions. No one who had the pleasure to listen to Mr. Lett's graphic descriptions of the life and habits of the higher mammalia of Ottawa will ever forget them.