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NOTES ON SOME OTTAWA DISTRICT PLANTS.

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My former contributions to THE OTTAWA NATURALIST having been chiefly of an entomological nature, it may appear presumptuous for me to offer a botanical one, but the following explanation may serve as my excuse and apology. About ten years ago it became evident that the insect studies, to which much of my spare time was then largely devoted, would be materially aided by a fuller acquaintance with the flora of the district. The identification of plants on which insects were captured would then be speedier and more satisfactory, and errors would be avoided to a greater degree. A partial knowledge of our flowering plants had already been obtained at outings and botanical meetings of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, and more especially from rambles with Prof. Macoun and the late Dr. Fletcher. The latter had been my instructor and co-worker since 1877 in these studies and his wide knowledge of botany was ever at my disposal in any difficulties. It seemed, however, time to have a more systematic knowledge of our plants, and a collection of them for reference. During all available time for several seasons close examinations were made of the surrounding district, especially the section northward from the Ottawa river to Aylmer, Kingsmere, Chelsea and beyond. The resulting collections eventually included nearly all the plants of the Flora Ottawaensis, and the majority of them were examined and had the determinations verified by Fletcher. Some species afterwards collected, especially grasses, were kindly named by Prof. Macoun and J. M. Macoun. On the issue of Gray's New Manual of Botany, the collection was arranged and labelled in conformity therewith, and a list was kept of some species which seemed of special interest. The list, with some notes, was then intended for publication in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, but was withheld in view of the proposed issue of a revised Flora Ottawaensis. That has not yet appeared and it is hoped that these notes may still have some interest and possible value. The sub-joined list of fifty species includes some unrecorded ones, which