

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The leaders of the above named branch have the honour to report that during the year 1890 five observers reported their observations in this district, covering one hundred and fifty species and sub species, seven of which are new to our list. One of these observers, we are glad to say, was a lady member, Miss Gertrude Harmer, who, though beginning when the summer was half over, and with scarcely any previous knowledge of the birds, made a list of sixty-five species. It is also gratifying to note that four of the seven new records were made by a new hand, and one of our youngest working members, Mr. F. A. Saunders. With some assistance from his brother, Mr. W. E. Saunders of London, Ont., he made a list during the year of 122 species, whilst the two leaders who worked in the district made but 107 and 108 respectively. These figures are given to show the members of the Club what may be done during spare hours by a novice in the first year's work, and it is hoped they may encourage others to follow the example set by the members above referred to.

The additions to the list are as follows, the numbers prefixed being those of the A. O. U. Check-list :—

120. *Phalacrocorax dilophus*, Double-crested Cormorant. A young one was shot about Oct. 1st at Shirley's Bay, near Britannia, by Mr. C. G. Rogers and sent to W. J. Henry, taxidermist, to be mounted.

223. *Phalaropus lobatus*, Northern Phalarope. One obtained by Mr. A. G. Kingston, Sept. 10th, near Burritt's Rapids on the Rideau.

354a. *Falco rusticolus gyrfalco*, Gyrfalcon. One shot by Mr. E. White, Dec. 23rd, at the foot of Lt.-Col. White's garden on the bank of the Rideau in the city.

366. *Asio wilsonianus*, American Long-eared Owl. One shot by Mr. F. A. Saunders in a piece of woods north of the Experimental Farm, July 7th.

474. *Otocoris alpestris*, Horned Lark. This species was found by Mr. F. A. Saunders to be quite abundant on the Experimental Farm