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THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1906.

The past year has witnessed great interest in the work of the Club, as is shown by the large increase in membership. Sixty-two new ordinary members have been elected. The present membership is 293, composed of 285 ordinary members and eight corresponding members.

SOIRÉES.

The programme of Winter Soirées published in the December number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST has been carried out with some slight omissions and changes in dates. The attendance at all the meetings has been most gratifying.

Since the Normal School course has been lengthened to a year, the students have been able to engage in the field work of the Club during the spring and fall months and also to attend the winter soirées. The result has been that the students, having become interested in the field work, have attended the soirées almost in a body. The Club realizes that through the teachers it has a most valuable medium of disseminating its influence, and therefore it keenly appreciates the interest that has been displayed throughout the year.

EXCURSIONS.

Sub-excursions were held as usual during the spring and early summer to localities in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa, viz.: Rockcliffe, Blueberry Point, Victoria Park, Leamy Lake, and Beaver Meadow. Rockcliffe Park and Beaver Meadow were again visited in October.