

bridge's Bay, Toronto, by Mr. Frank Otto, on November 20, 1905, is now in the possession of Mr. S. T. Wood, of Toronto, who says that it was in good condition and weighed three pounds eleven ounces when shot. Its stomach was empty, and its bill and feet were pale blue, like the bill of the "blue bill" or Lesser Scaup duck, but both are "fading out."

The three fine specimens of the White Gyrfalcon in the Museum of the Survey, are from the neighborhood of York Factory, Keewatin.

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REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL BRANCH OF THE
OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR

1905-1906.

(Read : January 7th, 1906.)

The work done by the geological branch of the O. F. N. Club during the past summer has been for the most part of the usual routine character. One or more of the leaders have attended the various excursions and explained as far as possible the geological phenomena of the localities visited.

Interesting studies were made of the gravel and stratified sand deposits in the vicinity of McKay Lake. Numerous examples of false bedding are seen in the sand quarries and also strata lying unconformably on the lower beds. These beds have yielded several well preserved specimens of a *Leda* sp., of small size. The overlying marl beds afford a good collecting ground for freshwater shells.

One of the leaders made a careful examination of Strathcona Park and will present the information gathered in his address to-night. The excavations which have been carried on in the Utica of that locality have afforded an excellent opportunity for studying that interesting geological horizon, and it is fortunate that so much work has been done as it is not at all likely a similar chance will again offer itself.

On the visit to Fairy Lake the outcrop of Birdseye and Black River limestone containing the coral reefs or Columnaria beds at the northeastern end of the lake were noted and the Trenton for-