

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1891-1892.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In presenting the customary annual report your Council has pleasure in stating that the progress of the work during the fourteenth year (which by the unscientific and superstitious might be considered an unlucky period) has been satisfactory, and that the present condition of the Club is very encouraging.

The membership continues in the vicinity of three hundred, which may be considered a very large membership for a purely scientific society

Unforeseen difficulties prevented the Excursion Committee from completing the arrangements for some of the proposed excursions, so that these popular outings were not so numerous as in former years. Two very successful ones were, however, held; the first to King's Mountain on 30th May, and the second to Montebello on 26th June, both being well attended and profitable.

Sub-excursions, or small outing parties, visited many of the neighbouring localities, and not a few more distant places. Of these may be mentioned Wakefield, High Falls, Cassleman, Moose Creek, Chats Falls, Buckingham, Mer Bleue, Aylmer, Kettle Island, Hog's Back, Templeton, Donaldson's Lake, etc. By the Botanical Report it will be observed that some of these localities yielded new plants; in entomology and ornithology many good species were also taken and observed, while the geologists discovered very interesting exposures of different formations.

The winter course of meetings consisted of six soirees; the Council having decided to omit for one year the former elementary, or afternoon lectures. The soirees were held on Thursdays in the lecture room of the Normal School, and the following papers and reports were read:—

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Dec. 17.—The Work of the Geological Survey (President's Address).....Dr. Ells.