

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

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

The Council has much pleasure in reporting that the present condition of the Club is very satisfactory, and that during the year just closed its work was carried on with increased success.

At the commencement of the year there were 170 members, and these have increased to 200; the number of new members elected having been 48.

No additions have been made to the list of corresponding members, of whom there are at present six.

The Excursions held during the summer were very enjoyable and were largely attended. They were five in number, and the following places were visited: - Kingsmere, Aylmer, Buckingham, Britannia and Kirk's Ferry.

Sub-Excursions were held every Saturday afternoon throughout the season and numbered twenty-one. They were well attended, and proved very pleasant and profitable to all present.

The winter course of meetings comprised six Soirées and ten Afternoon Lectures; the former being held on alternate Thursdays and the latter every Monday, commencing 9th January. At the Soirées the following Papers and Reports were read:—Dec. 8th, "President's Inaugural Address," Mr. R. B. Whyte; Jan. 5th, "Testimony of Ottawa Clays and Gravels to the expansion of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Canadian Lakes within the Human Period," Mr. Amos Bowman; Report of the Geological Branch; January 19th, "Our Forest Trees," Prof. Macoun; "Notes on Geological Work during the Summer of 1887," Mr. John Stewart; "On Utica Fossils from Rideau," Mr. H. M. Ami; February 2nd, "Vegetable Parasites," Mr. James Fletcher; Report of the Entomological Branch; March 1st, "Preliminary Notes on the Chazy at Aylmer, Que.," Mr. T. W. E. Sowter; "Our Squirrels," Mr. J. Ballantyne; Report of the Ornithological Branch; March 16th, "Autumn on the Ottawa," Mr. A. O. Wheeler; "On the Sequence of Strata about Ottawa," Mr. H. M. Ami; Report of the Conchological Branch.