

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It has been the pleasing duty of the Council—since the formation of the Club—to report its affairs in a more prosperous state each succeeding year, but at no previous period has the condition of the Club been so satisfactory, or the success achieved during any year, been equal to that which has attended it during the one just ending.

At the close of last year the membership was 232, and now—after revising the list and deducting the lapses through death, removal and resignation—it stands at 296. There were 66 new members elected during the year.

There were five general excursions held during the summer ; the first was on the 31st of May, to Butternut Grove, near Old Chelsea ; the second on the 21st of June, to Casselman ; the third on the 19th of July, to Montebello ; the fourth on the 9th of August, to Eastman's Springs, and the fifth on the 6th of September, to Kirk's Ferry, on the Gatineau River. Besides these excursions a number of the members availed themselves of the invitation given by the Montreal Natural History Society, and met the members of that body at Lachute, P.Q., on the 7th of June.

Sub-excursions were also carried on throughout the season, as usual, to different points of interest within easy reach of the City.

The winter course of meetings was arranged as formerly, and consisted of Soirées and Afternoon Lectures. The Soirées were held on alternate Thursday evenings, in the Lecture room of the Normal School building, and the papers read at them were as follows :—

1890.

Dec. 11.—Science as an Aid to Education, by Dr. McCabe.

The President's Inaugural Address, by Dr. Ells.

1891.

Jan. 15.—Report of the Zoological Branch.

Asbestos, by Dr. Ells.

“ 29.—Report of the Ornithological Branch.

The Chimney Swift, by Mr. Kingston.