

NATURAL HISTORY IN YUKON TERRITORY.

A letter has been received from Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, now living in Dawson City but formerly of Ottawa, and who has published several very valuable papers in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, stating that Mr. William Ogilvie and some of the other residents of Dawson are making an effort to start a Yukon Museum in which all the natural products of the country are to be represented:—rocks, minerals, plants, animals, birds, insects, etc. The local Government is much interested in the undertaking, and a building has been promised for this spring.

Mr. Tyrrell has been chosen as curator for the time being, and there is no one in the Yukon so well fitted to fill this post. Mr. Tyrrell's long experience as a traveller and collector, and in the Museum while on the staff of the Geological Survey, will enable him to do most valuable service in organizing and starting the work at the outset in a systematic and useful manner.

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BOTANICAL NOTES.

RATTLESNAKE PLANTAINS. *Goodyera repens*, supposed to be a common plant in the vicinity of Ottawa, is not represented among the specimens so named which I have seen. *G. tessellata*, *G. repens* var. *ophioides* and *G. pubescens* have all been collected within the area covered by the Club's work. The true *G. repens* is a northern species and may yet be found in the Gatineau Valley. *G. Menziesii* may also be found here as it has been collected in New Brunswick, Quebec and Western Ontario. A revision of this genus was published in *Rhodora*, Vol. I, No. 1.

ASTER VIMINEUS. We have in the vicinity of Ottawa both *A. vinimeus* and the variety *saxatilis*, Fernald. The variety is a slender plant and easily separated from the species by its stiff, ascending branches terminated by a solitary head. It has been collected at Pagan Falls and Casselman.

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