

lineation of rivers, lakes and mountains. An explorer or surveyor properly equipped for his work need never return empty handed. Should he be obliged to report that some particular district possesses no economic value whatever, besides that of serving as a receiver of rain and a reservoir to feed certain river-systems, his notes should contain scientific observations on geology, botany, climatology and similar subjects which may alone be sufficient to justify the expenditure incurred.

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### EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have great pleasure in announcing that, through the courtesy of Dr. MacCabe, the Principal of the Ottawa Normal School, the commodious class-rooms of that institution have been placed at the disposal of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club for our course of soirees and popular lectures, as well as the use of a separate room for library purposes. This change will be appreciated by all who take an interest in the Club, since the large attendance at the past season's lectures renders increased accommodation a necessity. In view of this great assistance in carrying on the Club work, the Council has resolved that the students of the Normal School, as many as so desire, shall be heartily welcome to attend any of the lectures of the course, and shall also be admitted to the privileges of membership in so far as reduced rates for the summer excursions may apply.

The first general excursion of the season will take place on the 31st of May. It has been decided to visit a locality slightly nearer than King's Mountain, the distance to which has been found rather too great by some of our members. For this reason Butternut Grove, near Old Chelsea, has been chosen. Tickets: Members, 50 cents; non-members, 60 cents.

Sub-excursions as usual will leave the Post-office at 2 o'clock every Saturday afternoon until further notice.