

EDITORIAL.

At the Annual Meeting, held on Tuesday, March 21st, Dr. Geo. Dawson was re-elected President of the Club. During the past year his connection with the important Behring Sea Arbitration caused him to be absent from Ottawa for much of the time, but as a satisfactory termination of this question may soon be expected, his presence with us this year will be more assured, and his interest in the success of the Club is such that he will be able to materially promote its welfare. All the old officers were re-elected except three, who are replaced by Mr. W. F. Fernier, Miss A. Shenick and Miss A. M. Living. The attention of members is requested to the announcement on a previous page, of the Standing Committees, Editorial Staff and Leaders, whom the Council has appointed for the carrying on of the various departments of the Club's work. The former Editor, Mr. Fletcher, has been forced through pressure of work, and the distance from the city of his office, to resign his post, but he has promised his assistance to the incomer, and the Council has granted further aid by the appointment of Sub-Editors for the several branches of the scientific work of the Club. The start made in this direction during the past year, and the notes so published have proved acceptable to the members, but they should bear in mind that to make this section of the magazine really valuable and interesting, it will be necessary for each to make records and furnish notes to the sub-editors. The Council, in response to frequent enquiries, has authorized the re-printing of the Constitution, the only amendment to which, since its adoption at the Special Meeting, held March 28th, 1884, was made at the Annual Meeting in March, 1890, when the number of members in the Committee, of Council was enlarged from three to six, in order to specially provide for three ladies. Although the scope of the Club's work has been gradually widened to receive the benefits of investigations made by its members wherever they may be located, the special work for which it was organized must still merit the chief attention, and although much has been observed and recorded of the Natural History of Ottawa, there still remains vastly more to be done. The season for out-door work and study is here; the snow and ice are melting, the birds are arriving, the