

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1893-1894.

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

In presenting this, the fifteenth Annual Report of the work of the Club, your Council has to announce that the year just closed has been one in which the Club's success, usefulness and activity have amply repaid the amount of time and labour devoted to it.

The very large attendance at the Excursions held during the summer season to Wakefield, Rockland and to Borthwick's shows plainly to what degree of popularity our spring and summer outings have attained.

Nineteen new members were elected by your Council and their names added to the membership roll. A few have resigned for various reasons.

Ten meetings of the Council were held during the past year at different times for the transaction of routine business, appointing leaders, preparing for excursions and soirees, and the publication of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

Six soirees or evening sessions of the Club were held during the winter months as follows :

Dec. 12th —Inaugural Address: The extinct Northern Sea-cow and early Russian Explorations in the North Pacific.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, C.M.G., F.R.S.

Jan. 9th.—Following a Planet. (*With lantern illustrations.*)

A. McGill, B.A., B.Sc.

Jan. 23rd.—Biological Water Analysis. (*With lantern illustrations.*)

Dr. Wyatt Johnston, Montreal.

Feb. 6th.—Disintegration and Denudation of Rocks.

Frank Adams, Ph.D., (McGill College, Montreal.)

Feb. 20th.—The Transmutations of Nitrogen. (*With chemical experiments.*) Thos. Macfarlane, F.R.S.C.

Mch. 6th.—Ottawa Butterflies. James Fletcher, F.L.S., F.R.S.C.

Notes on the Natural History of the Islands of Behring

Sea James M. Macoun.