

its teeth. This certainly was the case with my camera. When it first saw it set up it was afraid of it, then it watched it as it passed it, then went up and smelled it and finally climbed on top of it and took a nip of the bellows, which was carrying it a bit too far from my point of view.

A couple of incidents which throw some light on the psychology of the squirrel I shall describe and let the reader draw his own conclusions.

One day the squirrel took a big piece of meat from which the fat had been rendered, carried it to the edge of the roof from which it usually made

its eight-foot leap, gathered itself as if about to jump, then checked itself, hesitated a moment, and then carried the meat up onto the roof of the verandah and thus to the tree. With small objects it always made this leap without any hesitation.

On May 15th, I placed a pile of apple-peelings and two small apples on a board which projected out over the roof. The squirrel was pulling at a long peeling when one of the apples rolled towards it and was about to fall off the board. It dropped the peeling and seized the apple just in the nick of time.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 19, 1918.

The activities of THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB during the 39th year of its existence, in popularizing and diffusing knowledge of the natural sciences, have been carried on chiefly in three ways: a course of seven lectures, twelve field excursions and the publication of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST which has now completed its 30th volume.

Thirty-two members were elected during the year making a total membership of 367. Twenty-one members serving overseas are carried gratis.

The lectures were planned to create a more intelligent interest in Canadian natural history and to give a better understanding of the value of scientific work. Through the co-operation of the Librarian of the Carnegie Library a programme for next season, covering the meetings of the various literary and scientific societies, will it is hoped be arranged, thus reducing to a minimum the conflict of dates.

The field excursions were announced in the daily papers in order that the general public as well as the club members might take advantage of them. Scientific men, both members of the Club and others at the request of the Club, attended the excursions to direct interest and answer questions.

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