

The following elementary lectures were delivered :  
1896.

Jan.	Egypt. By Emma C. Fiske.
Feb.	The Microscope. By Dr. W. W. White.
Mar.	On Plants. Geo. U. Hay.
Apr.	On Birds. Philip Cox.
Sept.	Habits of Birds. W. Albert Hickman.

#### MUSEUM.

The birds have received considerable attention from Messrs. W. A. Hickman and Alfred Morrissey. Dr. Philip Cox, John Moser and W. A. Hickman made use of the museum in their work last summer.

The archaeological collection in Case No. 1 was re-arranged and catalogued, and further reforms in the labelling are contemplated. The Committee on Archaeology report several accessions. The Field Columbian Museum sent twenty-three pieces of prehistoric pottery in exchange for Devonian fossils; the Director of the U. S. National Museum sent a collection of casts of prehistoric weapons, ornaments, etc., and Judge DesBrisay of Bridgewater, N. S., donated some fragments of pottery from Nova Scotia.

#### GEOLOGY.

The report of the Committee on Geology describes some researches made by the Messrs. Matthew in the Cambrian rocks of the Long Reach and Kennebecasis Valleys.

#### BOTANY.

The Botanical Committee report that a preliminary list of the New Brunswick mosses had been prepared by Mr. John Moser which will be published in the Bulletin at an early date.

A number of flowering plants new to the province were found by W. F. Ganong and G. U. Hay in their trip down the Restigouche. These were published in Bulletin XIV.

#### ECONOMICS.

The Council have drawn the attention of the Department of Public Works of Canada to the desirability of establishing in the Dominion a plant for creosoting timber. The creosoted timber used in the construction of public works in the Maritime Provinces is at present imported from the United States at large expense. The process, too, by which this timber is treated is not reliable, and the Department has been recommended to