

## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH, 1893.

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

The Leaders have much pleasure in reporting that a considerable amount of good work has been done during the past season, several new plants not previously reported from this locality having been discovered by members of the Club at the Excursions and sub-excursions. Good work has also been done at excursions made by one or two members who have visited localities too far distant to be reached by the whole section. Excursions were made to various points on the Gatineau Valley Ry. by Messrs. R. B. Whyte and John Craig and Prof. Macoun. Mr. Scott and Mr. Fletcher made several visits to the Mer Bleue and Cassleman, and made interesting collections. Mr. R. H. Cowley makes the following interesting report : "The colony of the introduced North Western plant—*Grindelia squarrosa*—first observed some years ago at the old Fddy mill-site in Nepean, is still in a prosperous condition. It is multiplying rapidly and seems to have found a congenial habitat." During the third week of August Mr. Cowley paid a brief visit to Clarendon, in Pontiac County, and visited a few of the neighboring islands in the Chats Lake, on all of which he found many specimens of *Lobelia Kalmii*, *Potentilla fruticosa*, *Pycnanthemum lanceolatum*, and *Aster ptarmicoides* in full flower. The last three were first found by Mr. R. H. Cowley and Mr. R. B. Whyte on the Chats Island in 1891.

The following plants may be mentioned among the more interesting of the season's collections :

RANUNCULUS SCELERATUS, L. This addition to the *Flora Ottawaensis* was made by Mr. R. B. Whyte. The specimen was found at Borthwick's Springs on July 8th.

MYRIOPHYLLUM ALTERNIFOLIUM, DC. Specimens of this rare water weed were found by Mr. Wm. Scott in Brigham's Creek, Hull, Que. They were in fine condition in September and were growing in about a foot of water. The only other recorded locality for this plant is "Lake Memphremagog, July, 1866." (Macoun's Cat. V, p. 322.)

LONICERA CÆRULEA, L. The two bushes of this species which grow near the gas spring in the Mer Bleue were visited this year and good specimens obtained.