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REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL BRANCH.

To the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalist Club:

The absence of my colleague, Mr. Poirier, and my own business engagements have prevented this branch from doing during the past year the amount of work that it should do. Very little collecting was possible. At Buckingham on our first excursion a number of shells were taken, *Succinea obliqua* was on that occasion found in quantity at the roots of sugar maples in the grove north of the railway station. *Sphaerium occidentale* was also found in abundance in ponds in the same locality. One specimen of the rare *Zonites binneyanus* was found about a mile up the Lievres, but no other shells except the commonest species were noted.

Late in the season the microscopic *Helix minutissima* was found in considerable numbers under poplar logs in a moist station on the Exhibition Grounds. In this locality I collected in a few minutes more specimens of *H. minutissima* than I had seen in the previous five years.

It is well known that many land shells which occur in Western Ontario, some of them very beautiful, are not found in this vicinity. An attempt has been made to establish these species here. Through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Dean, of Kent, Ohio, and Mr. Geo. J. Streator of Garrettsville, in the same State, I was enabled to place in the woods at various points around Ottawa, and in my garden, in the city, a number of living shells, including *M. thyroides*, *M. multilineata*, *Triodopsis tridentata*, *T. palliata*, *Patula solitaria*, *P. perspectiva*, *Zonites ligera*, and *Stenotrema hirsutum*. I was unable to visit afterwards the localities outside the city in which the shells were placed, but of those which were under my eye at home I observed that *Zonites ligera*, *Patula solitaria*, and *P. perspectiva*, all died. The others lived. *M. multilineata* seemed to flourish best, and in November young