

From the 7th of May to the 18th of November, inclusive, *i. e.* from the time when the ground was first rid of its proximate winter covering to the time when a few inches of snow had already fallen, sub-excursions and excursions were held to various objective points. On such occasions, the leader who happened to be present usually addressed the members, giving in a general way the summary of the day's outing and results in geology. These have already been reported upon in the OTTAWA NATURALIST, which each member has received every month.

It is gratifying to record that during the past season ladies interested in geology joined the geological section, and were at various outings, and actively engaged in collecting specimens.

On several occasions members had the pleasure of going out on excursions or sub-excursions with distinguished men, non-residents of Ottawa, actively engaged in geological research. This year Mr. G. F. Matthew, of St. John, N.B., Prof. L. W. Bailey, of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, and Mr. N. Saint Cyr, of the Department of Public Instruction, Quebec, were amongst those who visited us, and were shown to places of interest where collections were made and named by one of the members.

In this year's report it has been deemed advisable not to publish the results of the season's work under the various formations, notwithstanding the undoubted usefulness of that scheme, but in the form of "Notes," or contributions to THE NATURALIST, and to be read at the winter soirées by the individual workers.

In conclusion, the leaders are confident, judging from the very encouraging season's work just closed, that there is every prospect of progress in the elucidating in the years to come of the various formations about Ottawa. The want of a good topographical map, however, has long been felt, and if there were such a one the geological boundaries of the various formations as known at present could be laid down, with a view to forming a basis for further study, as this region is considerably faulted and disturbed at many points which are of great interest.

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