

EDITORIAL.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances which necessitate the absence of Mr. Harrington from Ottawa for some months, he has been obliged temporarily to discontinue the editorship of this journal. Until he is again able to resume his duties, the OTTAWA NATURALIST will be edited by the undersigned as Chairman of the Publishing Committee. All communications intended for the editor should therefore, until further notice, be sent to the address given below.

The opening of Spring and with it the beginning of the collecting season make it fitting that members should at once prepare themselves to take up vigorously their studies—and it may not be amiss to suggest that all apparatus should be at once got into order or procured. In this connection I consider it but right to direct the attention of members to those merchants who assist us by advertising in the NATURALIST. I would further remind them that all the apparatus and books necessary for the collection, preservation and study of specimens in all branches, may be procured from the firms whose names appear on our covers.

Beginning with the present number some pages each month will be devoted to the publication of an annotated list of the Flora of the locality. This list will not only be a record of all the species so far observed in the neighbourhood of Ottawa, but the habitat, and, in the case of uncommon species, the exact localities where they have been found will be given, together with the date, approximately, when they may be expected to blossom.

The plan adopted in the past will be continued as heretofore. Notice will be given beforehand of all excursions and sub-excursions of the Club, and short descriptions of such excursions will appear in the following number of the journal.

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