

obtained by Mr. Halkett in the Detroit River, near Sandwich, Ont., as well as a curiously marked young specimen which shows many interesting features. In the drag seines used when these specimens were obtained, quite a fine series of Teleosteans was also obtained, including a small Channel Cat-fish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), Moon-eye (*Hiodon tergisus*), Doré (*Stizostedion vitreum*), Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*), Pike (*Esox lucius*), Cisco (*Coregonus artedii*), White-fish (*Coregonus clupeiformis*), Rock Bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*), and others. Two fine Blanding's Tortoises (*Emys meleagris*) from Belleville, and a Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), from Combermere, which measured 2 feet 3 inches in length, were obtained and exhibited by Mr. Halkett at the opening Conversazione of the Club. After being placed in the tanks at the Fisheries' Museum, Ottawa, the Turtle deposited a number of dull white spherical eggs resembling in many respects the eggs of a bird. They were almost perfectly globular, and the limy shell was of a yellowish white colour. Some were prepared for exhibition in the cases of the Museum. The turtle on examination was found to be infested externally with leeches (*Hirudo*); some of these on being placed in a vessel of fresh water, lived for many weeks, and a few were preserved in formaldehyde.

Recently Prof. Prince secured an interesting specimen of the Rat-fish or Chimæra (*Chimæra collieri*) from the Straits of Georgia, B. C., a full account of which species and of the peculiar egg produced by the fish, appeared in the OTTAWA NATURALIST some time ago. On the same occasion a quantity of Pacific Herring was obtained for the purpose of investigating a remarkable case of mortality in these fish near Nanaimo at the end of January. It is stated that the waters of the Straits off Nanaimo were covered for an extent of hundreds of acres with dead herring, lying 2 or 3 feet thick at the surface of the sea. Various theories have been advanced for this strange phenomenon, and no doubt a minute anatomical examination may afford light upon this problem.

It is appropriate in this place to refer to the appearance of a fasciculus of 62 pages, forming the first Biological Report from the Marine Scientific Station, founded by the Dominion Government upon the Atlantic coast. It embraces a series of seven papers all of scientific or practical interest; but, as a review is to