

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB

At a meeting of the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club held on January 15, notices of motion to amend the Club Constitution as follows were given:

ARTICLE III. Membership

(2) Members. Anyone interested in Natural History may upon application, be elected by Council, or by the committee of Council resident in Ottawa and charged with that responsibility, as a member of the club. Payment of the annual fee shall be a necessary condition of the continuance of membership.

(b) Fellows. There shall be elected, from among the Canadian workers in anthropology, botany, entomology, geology, paleontology, ornithology, and zoology, ten charter fellows. To this number shall be added yearly, in the manner outlined below, not less than one nor more than three fellows.

The method of election for the charter fellows shall be as follows. The council, at the first meeting subsequent to the annual meeting on March 18, 1919, shall draw up a list of the fifty members of the club who seem most competent to perform the duties required. To each of these, as well as to each professor, associate professor, and assistant professor of the sciences mentioned in the Provincial Universities of Canada, and in the Universities of McGill, Toronto, Queen's, and Laval (Montreal), shall be sent a request that he draw up a list of the 25 Canadian workers in the sciences mentioned ranking them from 1 to 25 in the order of eminence. These lists shall be enclosed in a sealed blank envelope, and forwarded in a larger endorsed cover to the Secretary. They shall be counted and evaluated by a committee appointed by the Council and announcements of the result shall be made as soon as possible in the Ottawa Naturalist, suitable notification being forwarded to each fellow elect. Subsequent elec-

tion shall be conducted similarly, except that the number of candidates ranked by each elector shall be 15 instead of twenty-five, and the election shall take place sufficiently prior to the annual meeting in order that the result may be announced at that time.

The law of averages is such that a group of 75 or more lists prepared in the way suggested will enable the club to know that the men selected deserve the honor which will come to them with election as fellows of the club.

ARTICLE V. Officers.

Last word, first paragraph, leave out "Librarian".

ARTICLE VI. The Council

Middle of second line, change "eight" to nine.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings

Change paragraph "a" to read, (a) The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Tuesday in December.

ARTICLE X. Elections

Second paragraph, second last line, leave out "Librarian".

ARTICLE XVII. Duties of the Secretary

Third last line, change "The Ottawa Naturalist" to such other name as shall hereafter be agreed upon in Art. XX.

ARTICLE XX. The Ottawa Naturalist

In first and third last line and heading of article substitute for "Ottawa Naturalist" such other name as may be agreed upon at the next Annual Meeting.

These motions will be introduced and voted on at the Annual Meeting, March 18, 1919.

Members of the club are invited to suggest names which they consider would be suitable for the publication in place of "The Ottawa Naturalist." The proposed change of name was intimated in a previous issue.