

in Ottawa, and, as delegate of the Club, I had the honour to lay before that body, with which we have been affiliated since 1882, the results of the previous year's work. This report has been published and a number of extra copies have been issued. These give a fairly comprehensive view of the aims and methods of work carried on by our Club.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Club has heard of the possibility of a Summer School of Science being organized in this portion of Ontario. From the results achieved by a similar organization in the Maritime Provinces, a vast amount of most useful information has been gathered not only by the teaching fraternity for whom these schools of science are generally organized, but also by all who may come into contact with their workings and any of their published results.

The Club heartily welcomes such an organisation in the Ottawa Valley, and trusts that not only the teachers of the Ontario side of the Ottawa River will constitute its membership, but also teachers from the Québec side. Schools of science for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the natural resources of our country might well be established in every part of the Dominion, so that, instead of scattering our forces during the holiday season, we might acquire much useful knowledge, in a pleasant and profitable way—never as a task, but as a delightful pastime in the broad field of Nature.

I feel confident that I echo the sentiments of every member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club when I say that the Club is willing to do all in its power to assist such a Summer School of Science whenever established in our midst.

MEMBERSHIP.

It had been my purpose, when selected by you to fill the responsible position to which you have once more re-elected me, to organise a *membership committee* of the Club. I am convinced that the Club does not count within its membership one-half, nor one-third of the citizens of this City who are anxious to join us. On all sides I meet with such questions and statements as these :