

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH.

To the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club:

The work in this branch has been continued on the plan of former years, the Saturday afternoon outings and the regular club excursions bringing the members together for systematic work and instruction. In the early summer the attendance on Saturday afternoon was augmented by the presence of a large number of pupils of the public schools under the care of Mr. Robert B. Whyte. They constituted a class which had been conducted by this gentleman during the winter, and he concluded his work by a series of demonstrations in the field.

Of the club excursions the most productive for the Botanists was the one to Casselman, where the greater number of the additions to the list were obtained.

A plant worthy of mention gathered in the district, but at too great a distance from Ottawa to be included in the local list, is *Cnicus altissimus*, Willd, var. *discolor*, which was found by Mr. Ami at St. Philippe, Que.

The plants added to our catalogue during the past season number 19, which indicates a continued activity and vigilance among the members. Those most worthy of notice are *Corallorhiza striata*, *Aplectrum hyemale*, and *Carex arcta*.

Hitherto our catalogue has included only flowering plants and ferns, although some of the workers have devoted their attention to cryptogamic botany. This year we are enabled to add a list of Mosses prepared by Professor Macoun. With the exception of a few species collected by Mr. Fletcher and indicated in the list, all were collected by the Professor himself, and all the specimens mentioned have been submitted to him for identification. We trust it will facilitate the work of those who have already commenced, and that it will induce others to begin, this very attractive branch of Botany.

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