

between a large number of our members a great and enduring friendship. It is certainly worth recording that there is this feeling of fraternity among those banded together to study nature.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership roll now stands at 275, having gained 26 new members during the past year. This, I think, is a very creditable record. The prospects are that we shall still further increase in the near future, as there are unmistakable signs of increased vitality and activity. With much regret I announce the loss by death of four members. Of these, I might mention particularly, the Abbé Provencher, the well known entomologist of Quebec, and Mr. W. P. Lett, our respected citizen, who for so many years contributed towards our winter programmes, papers which were always listened to with great interest.

EXCURSIONS.

I must now refer briefly to our Excursions, which have become such a noted feature of our summer life. We have had three general excursions this year, two of which were to explore the enchanting district lately opened up by the Gatineau River R.R. The natural scenery of the Gatineau Valley, bold and romantic, has been enjoyed by all who accompanied us. Nearly five hundred took advantage of these opportunities to "naturalize," and the unanimous verdict was that these outings were a great success. The third general excursion was held to Casselman, on the Canada Atlantic Railway, but owing to the weather being unpropitious our attendance was small. The Saturday afternoon sub-excursions to points in the immediate neighborhood continued throughout the summer season.

JOURNAL.

During the past year, the OTTAWA NATURALIST appeared regularly and promptly, month by month. In it have been published many papers of more than passing interest and merit. The volume is one that reflects great credit upon the Club and its editor. For the arduous task of editing we owe our heartiest thanks to Mr. Fletcher, "the father of the Club," who has spared no pains in this, his labour of love, to produce the society journal of which we are deservedly proud.