

hundred species he had collected, not more than from six to ten were of any commercial value. This was largely due to the fact that many wild grasses are bunchy, produce few leaves, and their seed cannot be profitably harvested. The varieties which had the greatest value were those related to the Western Rye grass, and to Kentucky and Canadian Blue grasses. He thought that about fifty more species might yet be collected in Canada, making a total of some two hundred and fifty species independent of the varietal forms of such species.

The value of having such a collection of grasses, and having one set of the same splendidly mounted in a rather striking manner for exhibition at Panama, was emphasized. In 1898, the late Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Malte said, made one of the first collections of grasses ever made in Canada and these grasses were grown at the Central Experimental Farm. The purpose of the two collections were somewhat different, however, with the former the purpose was to find out species useful for Canada. The work at present dealt also with the systematic botany and biology of native grasses. Foreign countries, even to-day, thought of scientific work along such lines as being unknown in Canada, and hence the exhibition of such a collection at Panama would do much to align Canada with other countries as one in the van in the matter of profitable scientific research, in the field of applied botany, etc. The collection would be subsequently used at many of the Provincial Fairs. All specimens are to be clearly labelled in both Latin and English. The collection at Panama will occupy eight hundred square feet of wall space.

In the matter of drying the collection demonstrated the skill of the collector. Each specimen was changed twice within the first twelve hours after collecting. Strong felt paper was used for the drying process. Dr. Malte mentioned his indebtedness to the Messrs. Criddle and Mr. W. Herriot for help in making the collection.

Those present at this meeting of the club were: Messrs. Attwood, Blackader, Buck, Campbell, Clark, Criddle, Dymond Fryer, Honeyman, LeLacheur, Macoun, Macmillan, Tulley and Whyte.

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DR. JOHAN HJORT ON "NORSE FISHERIES".

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club has rarely been favoured with a scientific address more original and fascinating than that on the "Fisheries of Norway" by one of the most eminent of