

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

To the Members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club:

The Council entrusted by you a year ago with the management of the Club, in submitting a report on the work of the year just closed, can, with much satisfaction, congratulate you on the progress which the Club continues to make in the objects for which it was organized.

Seventeen meetings of the Council were held, at which there was an average attendance of six of its members. Even an average two-thirds attendance of the members would be very satisfactory, but in reality the Council for a great portion of the year consisted of seven instead of nine members. Mr. Curtis only attended two meetings, and removed during the summer to the North-West, while Mr. Latchford only attended four meetings, and resigned his membership in the Club in the early part of November. The Council, however, did not deem it necessary to call a general meeting of the Club to fill the vacancies thus created.

One of the first acts of the Council was to appoint printing, excursion and soir   committees, and leaders in the various branches to give aid and information to members, and to keep records of the season's work. From these leaders were received valuable reports which were read at the soir  es.

As stated in the circular then issued by the Council, prizes were offered in each branch for the best collection of specimens, and special prizes were also offered by the President. Only one of these prizes has been awarded, viz.: by the Botanical Branch to Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin for his fine collection of plants, the prize being "Gray's Manual of Botany." In connection with the prizes of the previous year (awarded after report of Council) it must be stated that the one given to Mr. Ami