

ment on the composition of cereals; on the nature and values of insecticides and fungicides; on the suitability of various districts throughout Canada for the growth of sugar-beets; on the quality of Canadian waters as occurring in lakes, streams and springs, etc., have given results of far-reaching importance.

Dr. Shutt has published many papers of a scientific character in various journals and publications and has lectured before many important societies. The results of much of his work has appeared from year to year in the annual reports of the Experimental Farms and in special bulletins which he has prepared.

In 1885, Dr. Shutt received the degree of Master of Arts from Toronto University, and for about two years was Demonstrator in Chemistry at his alma mater. In 1887, he was appointed chemist to the Dominion Experimental Farms, and in 1909, owing to the widening field of work, his title was changed to Dominion Chemist. In 1911, the added responsibility of Assistant Director was given him.

Dr. Shutt enjoys fellowship in the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain, the Chemical Society of England and the United States, the Royal Society of Canada and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, who have the privilege of knowing Dr. Shutt, will feel a deep sense of pleasure in the conferring of this well-earned honour, and we take this opportunity of extending to Dr. Shutt our congratulations and best wishes for a continuance of the very useful work he is doing in the upbuilding of Canadian agriculture.

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#### EXCURSION TO ROCKCLIFFE.

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The first excursion of the season was held at Rockcliffe on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Mr. Arthur Gibson, President of the Club, presided, and the following leaders of branches were in attendance:—Entomology, Messrs. Gibson and Sladen; Geology and Ornithology, Dr. Williams; Zoology, Mr. Halkett; whilst the Botanical Branch was represented by Mr. Carter, a member of the Council. After exploring the park, the excursionists assembled at the log-cabin, where short addresses were delivered by the leaders.

Dr. Williams told about the bird-boxes which have been placed in trees of the park for nesting purposes by the Ottawa Improvement Commission, under the direction of the Club.