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The Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club herewith submits a summary of the work done by the Club during the year ending March 14th, 1899 :—

The number of members now on the roll is about 250 : twenty have been added since our last annual meeting, and about the same number have resigned during the year. Thirteen council meetings were held. At the first meeting, leaders in the different branches were chosen, also an Editor and Associate Editors of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

The President, Prof. Prince, was appointed to represent the Club at the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada held in this city in May, when a synopsis of the Club's work was presented by him to that Society.

Early in the year the Council arranged for short excursions on Saturday afternoons, under competent leaders, to different places within easy reach of the city. The first was to Rockcliffe April, 16th. Those who attended spent a profitable afternoon. Early flowers were the chief attraction and eighteen different species were collected in bloom.

The second sub-excursion, to the Beaver Meadow, Hull, on April 23rd was attended by forty ladies and gentlemen.

The third was to Beechwood, April 30th, when between forty and fifty members and their friends were present.

The fourth was to Dow's Swamp, May 7th, when a small party made an interesting collection of plants.

The fifth to New Edinburgh, May 14th, was well attended.

At these excursions those desirous of gaining a knowledge of Natural History are brought into closest touch with nature