

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1894-95.

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

The Council elected by you on the 20th of March, 1894, has pleasure in reporting that the past year, on the whole, has been a successful and prosperous one.

Perhaps in no single year of the history of the club has the attendance at both the excursions or field days, in summer, and the evening soirées during the winter season, been so satisfactory.

The membership list keeps up a high level, there being no less than 233 at present on the roll. Seven new members were added during the year. Three members were removed by death, viz:—Mr. Scott Barlow, Chief Draughtsman and Cartographer to the Geological Survey of Canada, Mr. P. H. Le Rossignol, B.A.Sc., Assistant Chemist, Central Experimental Farm, and Mr. H. R. Moore, B.A. Seventeen members, many of whom are non-resident members, have sent in their resignations. Your Council has held ten meetings during the year to carry on the routine work of the club, which includes the 'striking' and arrangement of committees, the appointments of leaders in the various branches of the Club's work, and the nomination of the Editor of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST and his staff.

Early in the year, an effort was made by your Council to obtain a grant from the Ontario Legislature, but this proved unsuccessful. We are indebted to the Hon. E. H. Bronson for the manner in which he presented our claims before his colleagues in the Council.

The Royal Society of Canada's invitation to send a delegate to its meeting in Ottawa last May was received and Mr. F. T. Shutt, who has acted in that capacity for some years past was again chosen to represent us. At the meeting, he presented the customary annual account of the work of the club, which is incorporated in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada.

The Council finds it necessary to draw the particular attention of the members of the club to the necessity of paying the annual club dues promptly. There are now 114 members in arrears. The amount of the subscription is small and when not handed in spontaneously—the time and labour involved in collecting the dues is very great.