

suppose further or draw the conclusion that this forest fire must have taken place at some period when the aborigines were settled in the locality visited, a time probably remote from the present by several hundreds of years.

The markings on the pottery are very similar to those observed on the pots from the township of Eardley, in Quebec, north of Lake Deschênes, which area was inhabited during pre-historic times by the Hurons as well as the Iroquois, as various writers on the subject admit. (Consult Parkman, Sulte, Gérin, Sowter and other writers.) I have been informed that at the time when the Castleman family moved from the United States to Canada after the Revolution of 1776, a number of Iroquois Indians accompanied them and were faithful to their lord and master, to the point of strong rivalry and even engagements between them and the Hurons dwelling on the Papineau estates on the north shore of the Ottawa river, in the vicinity of the North Nation river.

The Ornithological Branch reports that several of the leaders of this branch have been active during the last year making observations of our birds in the field and duly recording their observations. It has been found, that the local breeding shrike is the newly made subspecies "Migrant Shrike" *Lanius migrans*, the habits and nests of which have been studied. Among the rarer birds to be recorded from this neighborhood may be mentioned a Golden Eagle, captured near High Falls, Que., a Cormorant and a White Pelican, the latter two taken within a radius of several miles from Ottawa. The rare Bohemian Waxwing (*Ampelis garrulus*) has once again been seen by the Messrs. G. and E. White.

The Botanical Branch has done excellent work during the year. The semi-monthly meetings of the Branch began in the autumn and have been continued during the winter. Reports of these meetings, published in THE NATURALIST, are abundant evidence of the activity of the botanical members of the Club and of the value of their work. Botanical leaders were present at all the Club's excursions and as usual were kept busy determining specimens and explaining difficult points to students.

The Entomologists of the Club have been active and some of the leaders always took part in the various excursions, helping