

a strong plea that the members should use the barometer and weather charts to better advantage. Mr. Halkett, our expert in herpetology and "frogology," made some general remarks, not pertaining to his branch, since batrachians, etc., and insects, were absent on account of the cold weather. Only in one pool of the swamp below St. Louis Dam a vigorous chorus of frogs could be heard, and not one in the other pools. Beside these two gentlemen Messrs. Macoun, Attwood and the undersigned spoke briefly.

G. EIFRIG.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The first meeting of the Council for the year 1909-1910 was held in the Carnegie Library on March 23rd.

Members present: Messrs. A. E. Attwood, A. Halkett, C. H. Young, A. G. Kingston, A. McNeill, L. H. Newman, and T. E. Clarke; Miss F. Burt, Miss B. Gilbertson, and Miss M. McK. Scott.

Ordinary members elected:

Miss C. P. Grenfell, B.A., Ottawa.

Miss Frances Moule, B.A., Ottawa.

At this meeting standing committees and leaders for the excursions were appointed. The name of the Publishing Committee was changed to Publications Committee, and the duties of the committee were enlarged to include all business relating to exchanges. The following motion was carried: That for the ensuing year it be the duty of the Chairman of the Excursion Committee, after an excursion is held, to have a report of the same sent to the Editor of the OTTAWA NATURALIST for publication; and similarly that it be the duty of the Chairman of the Soirées Committee to have reports of the soirees sent to the Editor.

Mr. L. J. Burpee, Librarian of the Carnegie Library, appeared before the Council at the request of the Library Committee. He extended to the Club the privilege of placing its important exchanges on file in the Carnegie Library, and he submitted a list of scientific periodicals not now received by either the Club or the Carnegie Library, with the proposal that the Club might secure a number of these in exchange for the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

April 29.—Members present: Mr. A. E. Attwood, Rev. C. G. Eifrig, Messrs. A. Halkett, J. W. Gibson, A. McNeill, L. H. Newman, and T. E. Clarke; Miss F. Burt, Miss B. Gilbertson, and Miss M. McK. Scott.

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