

It is proposed to complete the publication of Dr. Fletcher's *Flora Ottawaensis* this spring. The Carices and grasses have now been thoroughly worked up and nothing remains but to get the manuscript ready for the printer. The list will be a very complete one, as both Dr. Fletcher and Prof. Macoun have made a special study of these orders during recent years.

Several members of the Club did good botanical work in remote regions during the year. Mr. Dowling brought home a collection from Equan River and Mr. Wilson from Abitibi River. Dr. Fletcher collected on Mount Che-am and Mount Arrowsmith and in other parts of British Columbia. Mr. J. M. Macoun made a thorough examination of the flora of the Chilliwack Valley, B.C., and has added about fifty species to the Canadian flora, most of them new to science. Prof. Macoun made very large collections in south-western Ontario, and added many species to our flora. Two species new to science have already been described from his collection—a *Helenium* and a *Vernonia*—and there are several still to be described.

In conclusion, the botanical leaders would urge upon the members of the Club the necessity of a careful study of the local flora. The plants of this region are supposed to be well known; but so many of the supposed species have been found to include two or more species that growing specimens of even the commonest of them should be examined and compared with the description. The Rosaceæ, the Umbelliferæ and the Ranunculaceæ are especially worthy of study. The recently published "Manual of the Flora of the United States and Canada" by Dr. N. L. Britton is the only book in which descriptions of all the new eastern American species can be found.

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