

which is troublesome both in the cellar and garden ; in the latter especially, being very destructive during early spring, preying on the tender shoots of plants. These are the mice so detrimental to young orchards in winter, when they bark the young trees beneath the snow to such an extent as to destroy them as completely as if girdled. Last summer a pair of jumping mice (*Zapus hudsonius*, Zimmerman) were found at Prescott, and although that place is not in the Ottawa district, yet it is so near as to induce the idea that it is not improbable they may be found in this vicinity. We have heard of a pair being taken on the Aylmer Road a few years ago, but nothing accurate is known of the capture.

In conclusion, we appeal to the members of the Club to note down any interesting fact that comes before them during the next season of outdoor observations. Much information full of valuable import might thus be imparted to the Club as a body which may appear perhaps trivial to the individual. If members also would make lists of the objects they notice for the purpose of comparison and record the dates of first and last appearance of the rare species, these would be very useful. In following out one branch of natural history any interesting feature of another branch should never be overlooked, as every contributor to science of local interest becomes to a certain extent a public benefactor.

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MR. R. B. WHYTE said the refuse from tan vats was quite sufficient to kill fish, and there was a tannery emptying into St. Louis Dam. He stated that in former years a creek ran down Mosgrove street, on which a tannery was situated, and that every time the vats were emptied numbers of dead fish were seen in the creek.

MR. FLETCHER said that the kangaroo mouse had been found near Aylmer, and that he had, in the month of January, seen frogs moving about in the canal near the Bank Street Bridge, in a pool possibly kept open by a warm spring.