

## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH FOR THE SEASON OF 1887.

*To the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club :*

The leaders of the Botanical Branch are pleased to report that the interest in their department continues to increase, and that this has been the means of adding several new members to the Club.

A feature of the past year has been the regularity with which the sub-excursions have been kept up during the whole season. The Botanical and Entomological branches have in most cases joined their forces and worked together. The leaders in Botany wish especially to thank the President for the assistance he has given, in enabling them to carry out the plan decided upon at the beginning of the season, of having at each of these sub-excursions a short popular lecture upon the specimens collected during the afternoon. Upon some occasions it was impossible for any of us to be present, when he always undertook this important duty and performed it to the universal satisfaction of the numerous members of the Club and their friends who attended these pleasant open air classes.

During the past season several fresh students have begun to collect and preserve our local plants, and we trust that they may be the means of adding many species, as yet unrecorded, to the "Flora Ottawaensis."

The general excursions of the Club were well attended by Botanical workers. The last of the season to Kirk's Ferry, on the Gatineau River, has introduced us to a new field, on the northern slope of the Laurentian Mountains. This district had been hitherto unworked by us. At the time of our visit (Sept. 17) it was too late in the season for most of the flowering plants; but, from what was then seen of the locality, the leaders are under the impression that it would well repay a visit earlier in the summer.

Notwithstanding that this district has now been worked carefully for nine years, the steady investigation carried on during the past season has resulted, as in every preceding year, in the addition of several new names to the list of plants. These, 24 in number, will be found at the end of this report,