

Springs," in which he will show how unusual the climatic conditions were this year.

All who have previously heard Dr. R. A. Daly lecture before the Club will be pleased to learn that he has consented to give an illustrated address on February 16th on "A Summer's Cruise on the Labrador Coast." The title sounds well and we feel sure that Dr. Daly will not disappoint those who go to hear him.

The last soirée, before the annual meeting, will take place on March 1st, when Dr. Sinclair will give a lecture on "Color in Nature." This address should be of interest to all naturalists, as color is what gives Nature much of her charm.

After the annual meeting, which will take place on March 15th, we shall have, on April 5th, an evening for practical demonstration of "How to Collect and Preserve Specimens," when short talks will be given while each demonstration is in progress. It is hoped that an evening of this kind will do much towards inducing the younger members to begin some work in Natural History, and to begin it in the right way.

During the winter soirées, the work done by the various branches will also be presented.

The Soirée Committee believes that it has one of the best programmes ever presented before the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, and it is expected that the meetings will be well attended. Admittance is free to all the lectures, but the full privileges of the Club, including *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST*, which is published monthly, may only be had by becoming a member for the nominal fee of \$1.

It is the desire of the President and Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to make the work of the Club as practical as possible, and while investigations in Natural History will continue to be the Club's main purpose there is a strong feeling that as much as possible should be done to assist those who are teaching or are about to teach the young people of this city and elsewhere to see and know and understand by means of Nature's object lessons. Already much has been done by the Club in this direction.

On behalf of the Club, I wish to express our appreciation of the grant which we annually receive from the Provincial Govern-