

## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH.

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

The same plan of work, found so successful in former years, has been adhered to during the past season with quite satisfactory results. The attendance of botanists at the sub-excursions has been particularly gratifying to the leaders, and there is a decided increase in the amount of individual work being done by members. The Flora of the district is now pretty well worked up and the number of additions to the "Flora Ottawaensis" is smaller than usual. The leaders desire to call the attention of the Council to this list which was prepared by Mr. Fletcher for Part I. of our Transactions, and would suggest that, as most of the plants in the district have probably now been discovered, the time has arrived for a more complete list to be issued, in which all the additions of subsequent years should be included as well as the special localities and the period of inflorescence of each species. We hope that the Council will be able to order such a republication as a supplement to our present Transactions.

We think it well in the interests of the Club to mention the important work done by some of our members in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, held in London, England, during the past summer. Our worthy President, Prof. Macoun, the Dominion Botanist, spent the whole summer in England, where he was able, by lecturing and in conversation at the Exhibition, to disseminate very valuable information concerning Canada and its natural products. To Mr. James Fletcher, one of the active members of this branch, was entrusted the laying out and arrangement of a Botanical Garden in connection with the Exhibition, where were shown growing specimens of a large number of our Canadian plants. A good representative collection was made of our forest trees, and plants of special interest, whether economic, medicinal or scientific, were shown. In making the collection of roots Mr. Fletcher was materially assisted in his work by several members of the Club, particularly by Mr. H. M. Ami, of this city, and Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Victoria, B.C. It is gratifying to see from the report of the High Commissioner of Canada that this garden