becoming the most rapid medium of publication in Canada for notes on the Natural History of our various Provinces.

There is much to be done yet in the way of publication, and it is to be noted that considerable time and labour would be spared the editor, if the associate editors appointed by the Council and responsible for several most important departments of research in Canadian science would co-operate with him and form a committee of supply which would not only prove most interesting but make The Naturalist less one-sided perhaps—a phase which at different times it may appear to assume owing to circumstances over which none but the Associated Editors can have control.

THE ROSS PRIZE.

Nearly a year ago, during his visit to Ottawa, the Hon. G. W. Ross, then Minister of Education for Ontario, now the Premier of that Province, met a number of the officers of our Club and, noticing the educational work which we were trying to do in our midst, proposed of his own accord to grant a prize or medal for the student of the Normal School doing the best work in connection with our Club.

Competition was keen, and as a result the following communication was prepared by the committee of judges.

Mr. J. H. Putman,

Ottawa, June 12th, 1900.

Science Master, etc.,

Cttawa Normal School.

On behalf of the Judges appointed by the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to examine the collections of plants sent in for competition, I have the honour and pleasure to report that after a very careful and critical examination of said collections we have come to the conclusion that owing to the excellence of the collections and large number of specimens sent in and correct identifications of species, the first prize, presented by the Hon. Dr. Ross (Premier of Ontario) falls to Miss Elma Cannon, and the second prize, presented by the President of the Club (proxime accessit) to Miss Mary E. Robson.

The collections of Messrs. J. A. Graham, H. F. Breckenridge and Elmer Bolton, comprising the exact number of twenty-five