

JANUARY 7TH, 1897, Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club.—“*Under the Midnight Sun—a Trip to Iceland*,” with lime-light illustrations. By Prof. James Mavor, University of Toronto.

At this lecture the Report of the Geological Branch of the of the Club was read by one of the leaders, Dr. H. M. Ami. This report will appear in the April number of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

As Prof. Mavor's lecture has already been published *in extenso* in two leading Scottish magazines the above references are given for the benefit of those who desire to peruse this interesting study of the descendants of that early race which inhabits one of the most remote and northerly centres of civilization.

JANUARY 21ST, 1897, Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club.—“*Recent Explorations in Canada*” was the subject of this evening's entertainment.

The Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, Dr. G. M. Dawson, was present and introduced the subject with a few preliminary remarks on the progress made in geographical research since '91—in which year he had read a paper before the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club—when he pointed out that there was then not less than 950,000 square miles of unexplored territory in British North America—in round numbers 1,000,000 square miles. Since that time, various exploratory surveys were carried on by the Geological Survey Department and by the other Geographical branches of the Canadian Government, chiefly under the direction of Capt. E. Deville, Surveyor General, and not less than 350,000 square miles of British territory had been made known within these six years of research.

Dr. Robert Bell was the next speaker. He described more particularly the region which may be called northermost Ontario in that part of the province and in the adjacent parts of Quebec which border on James's Bay. He spoke at length upon the non-validity and non-permanence of Indian names and con-