

for work open to resident zoologists in Ottawa. This is still largely true, and the shrews, the mice, voles and other small rodents, still invite more systematic study, with the possibility of interesting discoveries. The bats, too, are comparatively neglected, although few of our local naturalists can claim to be familiar with all the species occurring in the capital and its neighbourhood. If during the coming season a small group of enthusiasts would determine to take up such neglected branches of study as these, the zoological section of the Club would have something new and valuable to lay before the members. It is known that the white-footed mouse, the red-backed mouse, and several species of interesting field-mice are found in the Ottawa district, but actual records of specimens obtained are few and far between. A fine specimen of the Black Squirrel, from the Gatineau region, it is understood, was on exhibition on Sparks street in December, and a remarkably handsome Silver Fox from the Coulange district has been exhibited alive in the city within the last two or three weeks. The amphibians, turtles and snakes of Ottawa require thorough investigation, and observations such as those of Mr. W. S. Odell, two or three years ago, on *Spelerpes bilineatus*, are much required. One member of the Club, Mr. Andrew Halkett, is able to record the examination of a great variety of Teleostean fishes from various localities in Ontario and Quebec. These are being preserved to form the nucleus of a new collection of fishes in connection with the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Professor Macoun handed to Mr. Halkett a specimen of the Brook or White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*) obtained by Mr. R. B. Whyte. Fishery Inspector Loveday also furnished a Lamprey (*Petromyzon concolor*) in the larval stage, which had already assumed the parasitic habit and had attached itself to a catfish (*Ameiurus ebulosus*). Through the assistance of Dr. T. Bell, Algonquin Park specimens of Great Lake Trout, Yellow Perch, Ling, Chub, Speckled Trout, etc., from the Provincial Park were obtained, while fine specimens of large-mouthed Black Bass from Port Perry, Ontario, were sent by Officer J. E. Evans, taken in Lake Scugog. Unusually large examples of the Cisco (*Coregonus artedii*) were received from Lake Erie in November, and Mr. Halkett collected at Healy's Falls, Northumberland Co., Ont., Catfishes