

It has been frequently mentioned that there were about ten complete sets of the *Naturalist* still available. From Mr. Currie's work, however, it would seem as if this is not the case. There are five parcels each bearing the legend, "Nos. required to complete this set, Sept., 1891; Apr., 1892; Jan., 1895; Feb., 1895, and Mar., 1896." If these five missing numbers were supplied to each parcel, the Club would then possess five complete sets.

It is quite possible that there are several members of the Club who would be glad to present the Council with copies of the numbers required to make these sets complete.

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE.

In accordance with suggestions made at the last Annual Meeting, the number of outings arranged for the spring months was reduced to one a fortnight, and this was further reduced when the June ones were omitted on account of wet weather or other causes. It is a regrettable fact that far too few of the members availed themselves of the opportunities thus afforded for study; for many of us these are the best and almost the only occasions when field study is possible.

The outings held were:—

April 29th—Mechanicsville.

May 13th—Beaver Meadow.

May 27th—Gilmour's Grove, Chelsea.

A full report of each of these has appeared in *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST*.

LECTURES COMMITTEE.

Shortly after the last Annual Meeting there was a most interesting lecture on the Song Birds of England, by Mr. W. E. Saunders, of London, Ont. This lecture was the result of personal observations on the journey across the ocean, and during the course of a short visit to England. So many English birds are named from their song that, as the lecturer remarked, one has just to listen and the birds will tell their names. He gave good imitations of these, but the finest thing was the reproduction by the gramophone of the song of the nightingale.

During the winter season of 1911-12 there were eight lectures given under the auspices of the Club, including two that were given under joint auspices, the first with the Ottawa Horticultural Society, and our eighth with the officials of the Normal School. Six of these lectures were held in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School, and were illustrated with lantern views. They were well attended and of unusually great interest. The lectures under our own auspices were all given by leading scientists of Ottawa, whose services we were fortunate in secur-