

The Librarian, Mr. A. E. Currie, has arranged the back issues of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST so that we now know definitely what numbers are available.

The report of the Librarian is as follows:—

A short while ago the surplus copies of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, issued since April, 1910, were transferred from the residence of Mr. Arthur Gibson to the Osgoode St. School, and placed along with the older numbers.

About a year and a half ago, while first arranging the back numbers of the NATURALIST in an accessible position, there were five parcels found, each bearing the legend, "Nos. required to complete this set, Sept., 1891; April, 1892; Jan., 1895; Feb., 1895, and March, 1896." Recently, while examining these parcels and loose numbers more closely, it was found that the five numbers were never issued. There are, therefore, five complete sets of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST still available and no doubt at least another two sets could be compiled from the loose numbers.

During the year the various publications received through exchange have been placed, with the library of the Club, on the north-west stack of the second floor of the Carnegie Library.

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE.

As the experience of the preceding season seemed to indicate that a programme of fortnightly excursions did not give a sufficient number of excursions after the deduction of those inevitably cancelled through bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, it was decided to revert to the practise, previously followed by the Club, of holding an excursion every week during the earlier part of the season. A programme of weekly excursions was accordingly arranged for. The first excursion was on April 27th to Beechwood, and the two succeeding ones on May 4th and May 11th to Blueberry Point and Britannia respectively. Notwithstanding the backward season these were well attended and in every way successful. Detailed reports of them will be found in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

An excursion was held on Saturday, June 1st, to Chelsea, at which several leaders and a large number of members took part. While waiting for the return train the leaders gave an instructive account of the botanical and geological specimens that were observed and studied. No account of this was published.

The excursion to Ironsides on June 8th was spoiled by a deluge of rain, which rendered it impossible to make observations. On June 22nd a few members held an enthusiastic and successful excursion to the Mer Bleue.