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## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

*To the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club :*

### FIELD WORK.

In the Botanical Branch there has been some good work done. Some of the leaders have attended all the excursions and delivered addresses. Sub-excursions were also held during the spring months until the schools broke up. Two large sub-excursions of the botanical class attending the Normal School, consisting of about 60 ladies and gentlemen, were held. The first one to Rockliffe on May 9, where large collections of spring flowers were made, including *Viola Selkirkei* in splendid condition. The addresses at this outing were delivered by Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Sinclair. On the following Saturday an equally large party visited the beaver meadow at Hull, under the guidance of the President, Mr. Sinclair and Dr. Fletcher. Here they were met by Prof. Macoun, who gave an excellent address, speaking particularly of forest trees, and showing how some of the species usually troublesome to beginners could be separated and distinguished. The first excursion to Chelsea on 23rd May added one new species to our Ottawa list, *Stellaria uliginosa*, found by Dr. Fletcher in several places through Gilmour's Grove. This is thought to have been introduced ; but how such an inconspicuous plant could have been introduced and have spread so widely seems strange. A sub-excursion which was much enjoyed by a few of the members was to the Mer Bleue on May 28, when Mr. J. B. Goode, of Montreal, accompanied the party. This gentleman's success in cultivating our native orchids is well known. Fine specimens of *Arethusa bulbosa* and the rare *Listera australis* were collected. At a sub-excursion in October *Elatine*