

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION OF
THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB.

(Read to the members of the Club Feb. 11th, 1902.)

The Botanical Section reports that, as usual, the Club's excursions were well attended by those interested in Botany. At all of these excursions one or more of the botanical leaders were present and assisted in the determination of the difficult species collected. One of the rarest plants in this vicinity—*Petasites palmata*—was found by Miss Matthews near Britannia, on May 4th, the date of the Club's excursion to that place, and the Hon. F. R. Latchford found the same species near Mountain View about the same time.

Several new species have been added to the local list during the year. These include a number of Violets new to science: *Viola cardaminifolia*, growing near Aylmer, Que., *V. subviscosa*, from the same place, *V. leucopetala*, back of Rideau Hall, and *V. Fletcheri*, from the woods near Creighton Lodge. The first two were discovered by Dr. Fletcher, the last by Mr. J. M. Macoun, and *V. Fletcheri* by Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Macoun when working together. The violets of this vicinity are yet far from being worked out, but, as descriptions of all the new species have been published in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, even a beginner in botany may determine the common species. Other species added to our flora are *Thalictrum confine*, Fernald, collected by Prof. Macoun near McKay's Lake, *Agrimonia hirsuta* and *Triosteum aurantiacum*.

An unusually large number of botanical papers and notes were published during the year. The most important of these were: "Some New Canadian Gentians" by Dr. Theodor Holm, "New Plants from Alberta" by Dr. Edw. L. Greene, "On the Autumn Flowering of Various Wild Plants in 1900" by Mr. Cephas Guillet, Part xiv. of "Contributions to Canadian Botany" by Mr. J. M. Macoun, "Allies of *Stellaria media*" by Dr. Holm, and descriptions of new Violets and Senecios by Dr. Greene. In addition to these, short notes on local species were published from time to time.