

term of office, about 1881, and is now on exhibition in the Pleistocene case at the Geological Museum on Sussex street.

Several papers bearing on the Geology of this district have appeared from time to time in the NATURALIST during the past year.

The Director of the Geological Survey of Canada (Dr. Selwyn) has undertaken to publish a series of Geological maps of this portion of Canada and entrusted this work to Dr. Ellis who is also one of the leaders in Geology of our club. I have no doubt that he will find useful and interesting material in the published records of the geology of Ottawa or in the unpublished notes of the leaders in geology.

Records and notes have been kept during the past fifteen years at least, an amount of useful information which will be useful in preparing a more detailed and accurate geological map than has heretofore been published. Early in the spring of '94, one of your leaders, the writer, issued a chart of the Geological formations of Ottawa and its environs extracted from a paper published in 1888 on the formations of this district.

What is now required is a good topographical map of this district upon which to lay the geological features. Considerable difficulty has been met in the fact that the surveys on the Ontario side do not correspond with those on the Quebec side of the Ottawa and require to be corrected at numerous points. Considerable progress however was made in this direction by the late Mr. Scott Barlow, Chief Draughtsman of the Survey, and this branch of the Club's work looks forward to the time when such a map will be prepared for the Ottawa district.

In the meantime a great deal remains to be done in geology about Ottawa. The structure and composition of the older crystalline rocks at our very door, their origin and age are only beginning to be studied and understood, whilst the fossiliferous rocks always prove to the diligent searcher that many forms new to science are still awaiting to be discovered.

In conclusion we trust that good results will long continue to be forthcoming in this branch of the Club's work.

(On behalf of the leaders) H. M. AMI.