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REPORT OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1917.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club has continued its activities in interpreting and diffusing information on natural science during 1916-1917. The British Government has just increased the appropriation for scientific work in Great Britain to more than five times its total previous appropriations, thus recognizing the importance of the work carried on by such organizations as the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. These organizations are now vitally necessary since the scientific method has been proven to be the only way by which we may hope to solve such problems as the conservation and increase of our crops and forest products, our stock and fish, game, and fur resources, our mineral resources, and our public health.

This work of the Club has been accomplished chiefly by three means—the publication of *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST*, now starting its thirty-first year and volume, a series of field excursions, and a course of lectures.

Eleven members have resigned, but as thirty-two new members have been elected, there is a net gain of twenty-one members, the total membership now being three hundred and forty-six. The Club is organizing a campaign for increasing its membership.

His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, has expressed his interest in the Club by consenting to become its Patron.

The library of the Club, a large and valuable collection of nature books and periodicals, has been turned over to the Carnegie Library, Ottawa, which will catalogue it and make it available to the entire public. Accessions to the Club library will now be turned over to the Carnegie Library.

TRUST FUNDS.

A trust funds committee has been appointed to receive and administer additions to the trust fund of the Club.