

able suggestion : " Would it not be a good plan to set apart a portion of this park for an arboretum with the modest intention at first of planting there the trees and shrubs of New Brunswick ? " He estimates this could be accomplished in two or three years, and points out that part of the land secured is admirably adapted for the purpose, giving a fertile piece of meadow, a swamp and rocky ground. This plan would give the park a practical value in the eyes of manufacturers, and would interest all classes ; but its chief value would be from an educational standpoint. Students from the public schools could be taken there and receive practical instruction in forestry and botany. Mr. Hay concludes his letter as follows : " After the New Brunswick arboretum has become an accomplished fact, there might be added trees and shrubs from the same latitude in North America, Europe and Asia, such as may now be seen growing at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. These would be valuable for comparison, and would serve to illustrate what trees valuable for industrial purposes could be transplanted with profit in this province.

We heartily approve of Mr. Hay's excellent suggestion and trust that he will be able to induce the local authorities to act upon it. We feel sure that the Botanical section of this Club will be pleased to do anything in their power in the way of helping with seeds and specimens, as many plants are common to both New Brunswick and Ontario.—J.F.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HERBARIUM OF GEOL. SURVEY OF CANADA. Can. Rec. Sc., Part I, January, 1894; Ibid, Part II, April, 1894. Montreal. (Extras.) James M. Macoun. We have just received the two parts of the above. They contain four and twelve pages, respectively, of printed matter giving interesting notes on the mode of occurrence and geographical distribution of the species which have been added to the " Flora of Canada " since the publication of Part V—" Catalogue of Canadian Plants " by Prof. John Macoun.

Not a few species and varieties have been discovered that have proved new to science. We are exceedingly pleased to see these and welcome their publication. The nature of these contributions is precisely in line with that which the members of the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club have been desirous to publish in the Ottawa NATURALIST. More of such contributions to Natural Science field work are needed.—H. M. A