

Two short lists of Ottawa spiders have been published, as a commencement toward a knowledge of our clever little spinners, whose habits are well deserving of study, and will be found to vary greatly in different groups.

No collections have been entered for the prize which was offered by the Council at the opening of the season as a stimulus toward collecting by our younger members.

In conclusion we desire to acknowledge the receipt from our learned corresponding member, Miss E. A. Ormerod, of her Twentieth Report, which is a most valuable and interesting record of her observations upon Injurious Insects in Great Britain during the year 1896. Her work is of a most instructive and admirable character.

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#### REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL BRANCH OF THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR 1896-97.

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

In presenting the fifteenth Annual Report of this Branch of the Club's work for 1896-97, your leaders have to announce that considerable progress has been made and renewed vigour is evident from the number of papers written on the geology of this district and also from the interest manifest whenever excursions or sub-excursions of the Club are held.

During the early part of the season a number of geological sub-excursions were held to objective points about the Capital on both sides of the Ottawa River. The quarries and cuttings along the railroad track in Hull, Que., were visited, and an interesting series of fossils obtained. Upwards of thirty species were recorded from the "dump" along the Aylmer electric road.