

the spring. The Ottawa Improvement Commission instructed their Superintendent, Mr. Stuart, to have 250 nesting boxes of the two sizes recommended made, and these were distributed throughout Rockcliffe Park. The Department of Agriculture purchased and distributed at the Experimental Farm 160 nesting boxes of the Berlepsch pattern of three sizes suitable for birds using such cavity nests, from wrens to flickers. Many of the boxes in Rockcliffe Park were not very suitably hung, which would prevent a large proportion of them from being used, as would otherwise have been the case; nevertheless it was seen that some of the boxes were utilized. Many of the boxes at the Central Experimental Farm were inhabited in spite of the fact that this distribution was unavoidably delayed. Wrens, bluebirds and three swallows were observed making use of them; in one case a box was appropriated by a pair of wrens the day after it was hung.

Before the opening of the spring it is intended to make a complete examination of all the nesting boxes in Rockcliffe Park, and at the Central Experimental Farm, for the purposes of cleaning and ascertaining the number of the boxes occupied during the season of 1914.

Encouraging reports have also been received from private individuals who adopted our recommendation and provided nesting boxes in their gardens. The example that has been set and the educational work since carried on is having very gratifying results in other parts of Eastern Canada.

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The official organ of the Club, *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST* has appeared regularly during the year. Volume XXVIII, comprising 180 pages, has been completed. Mr. Arthur Gibson has continued to edit it. The following are the most important papers published in the volume:—

- "On a new genus and species of carnivorous Dinosaur from the Belly River Formation of Alberta, with a description of the skull of *Stephanosaurus marginatus* from the same horizon." By L. M. Lambe.
- "The Waterways of the Mackenzie River Basin." By Charles Camsell.
- "Lichens from Vancouver Island." By G. K. Merrill.
- "Abscission." By F. E. Lloyd.
- "Gall Midges as Forest Insects." By E. P. Felt.
- "The Problem of Bird Encouragement." By W. E. Saunders.