

WHITE-BREASTED SWALLOWS were abundant over the Rideau River on the 20th.

The SWIFTS were abundant over the city on the 28th.

A BAT (probably the common bat) was flying around on the evening of the 19th. The temperature that day reached 82° Fah.

MAPLES were in full bloom on the 22nd.

FROGS were heard all around on the night of the 16th.

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CLUB NOTES.

PRIZES IN BOTANY, ENTOMOLOGY AND GEOLOGY.

At a meeting of the Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, held in the Normal School last month, it was unanimously agreed to offer prizes for competition among the members of the Club in three of the branches of our work, viz: in Botany, Entomology and Geology.

The collections are to be made during the collecting season of 1896, and obtained within the limits of the "OTTAWA DISTRICT," as defined in the April number of the NATURALIST for 1895.

First and *second* prizes are offered in each branch.

Competition open to any member of the Club, exclusive of the leaders, who will be called upon to act as judges in their respective sections.

1. BOTANY.—For the best collection of botanical specimens. The specimens obtained are to be properly and neatly mounted on paper. Accuracy of naming, quality of the collection, and number of species will be taken into consideration.
2. ENTOMOLOGY.—For the best collection of insects in any one or more orders. Accuracy of naming, care in preparing mounting, collecting, etc., will be taken into consideration.