

Prof. Penhallow's lecture on "The Wood-pulp Industry in Canada," in the Normal School, Jan. 13th, attracted a large number of lumbermen and others interested in the manufacture of pulp and paper, and there was the usual large attendance of Normal School students and members of the Club. The lecture was illustrated by many beautiful lantern slides showing the many varieties of pulp that had been used in the manufacture of paper from the earliest times to the present. The manner in which the ancient papyrus and the felted Japanese papers are made was clearly explained. The greater part of the lecture was devoted to describing the various processes employed to-day in manufacturing pulp and paper from the products of the forest. From the cutting of the trees in the forest to the turning out of the finest paper from the mills of the St. Maurice and Sault Ste. Marie rivers, every step of the process was illustrated by lantern slides specially prepared for this lecture.

The most timely lecture of the winter course was that delivered by Dr. S. B. Sinclair, Feb. 10th, on "Nature Study in American Universities." Nature Study will soon be one of the chief branches taught in our public schools, and the teachers who listened to Dr. Sinclair must have been impressed with its importance. Taking Chicago, Clark and Cornell Universities as typical he traced the development of the Nature Study movement during the last thirty years, and said that there was now an almost universal opinion in favour of a certain amount of such study in every grade from the Kindergarten forward. A detailed statement of the points covered by the lecturer will appear in the May number of THE NATURALIST. The lecture was discussed by Prof. Macoun and Dr. Fletcher, who endorsed all that was said by Dr. Sinclair.

The Report of the Entomological Branch was read at the close of the lecture.

On February 24th. Prof. Macoun lectured in St. John's Hall, on "The Summer Climate of the Yukon and its Effects on Vegetation." After briefly referring to the route from Vancouver to Skagway, and from Skagway to White Horse and so to Dawson,