## THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

Whilst the direct object of the Fisheries Museum is to point out the value of the Canadian fishery resources, yet incidental to the collection there are also on view a variety of natural objects, embracing fishes, corals, sponges, mollusk shells, etc., from the Bahama Islands, and such form an ornamental feature of the museum.

Models of vessels, weirs, traps, etc., to illustrate the fishing industry, are also on exhibition.

Recently two specimens of octopus or devil fish have been installed, and are to be seen in glass cases, preserved in a solution of formalin. These specimens are from the coast of British Columbia.

## OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

PROGRAMME OF WINTER LECTURES.

December 7th, 1915 (Tuesday).—" Wheat Improvement in Canada." Dr. Charles E. Saunders, Dominion Cerealist, Ottawa.

January 11th, 1916 (Tuesday).—"Canadian Folk-tales and Oral Traditions." Mr. C. M. Barbeau, Division of Anthropology, Geological Survey, Ottawa.

January 25th, 1916 (Tuesday).—"The Use of Ornamental Trees and Shrubs." (Illustrated with lantern views). Mr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, Ottawa.

February 8th, 1916 (Tuesday).—"The Formation of the Great Plains." (Illustrated with lantern views.) Mr. D. B. Dowling, Geological Survey, Ottawa.

February 22nd, 1916 (Tuesday).—"The Evolution of Army Sanitation." R. Lorme Gardner, M.D.

March 7th, 1916 (Tuesday).—"The Identification and Nesting Habits of Some of our Common Birds." (Illustrated with specimens and lantern views.) Mr. W. E. Saunders, London, Ontario.

March 21st, 1916 (Tuesday).—Annual Meeting, Exhibits and Brief Addresses by Members.

All the above meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Victoria Memorial Museum.