

maps can now be prepared and maps showing the distribution of any species, whether of plant or animal. For this purpose it is hoped that the Council of the Club will endeavour to secure from the Department of the Geological Survey at least 200 black and white prints or copies of the map of this district to be kept on sale by our Club Librarian for the use of the members of the Club. They may, however, be purchased from the Geological Survey at a nominal price.

The report by Dr. Ells which is to accompany the map will no doubt be hailed with great pleasure by all who will read it. I should advise the members of the Club to secure copies of this report early if they do not wish to find the edition exhausted from the demands that may be made upon it when issued.

*Catalogue of the Marine Invertebrata of Eastern Canada*, by Dr. Whiteaves, also of the Geological Survey, is a report which is of special interest to the members of our Club, as it deals with the marine invertebrates of the Lower St. Lawrence, a goodly proportion of which are to be found in the sands, clays and gravels of our Pleistocene deposits in the Ottawa valley. Every year sees new forms added to the lists of the Pleistocene fossils, and these find their living representatives in the salt waters of the St. Lawrence and adjoining basins of to-day. An excellent review of this most important work of Dr. Whiteaves has already appeared in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, p. 165 by Prof. E. E. Prince, and I shall not trouble you with a notice of it from a geological standpoint further than to state that the volume is most welcome and timely and represents the work of a life-time, the accumulation of vast amount of useful information all condensed for the use of naturalists, fishermen and others interested both in the economic as well as the scientific side of the subject.

"*Ancient Channels of the Ottawa River*" is the title of another paper by Dr. R. W. Ells, F.R.S.C. It appeared in the April number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, pp. 17-30 with map accompanying the same, and forms a contribution which ought to stimulate the members of the Club to carry on the work there delineated, with special reference to the immediate vicinity of the Capital. The ancient or now abandoned river valleys are quite