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The council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, on the completion of another Club year, begs to report on the work during the past season. The work of the Club has been conducted along much the same lines as have been followed in past years and, with some features especially, good progress has been made.

Standing committees, the editor and associate editors of **THE OTTAWA NATURALIST**, the librarian and excursion leaders, were appointed at the first meeting of the council, held on March 31. Five meetings of the council were held during the year. Fewer meetings than usual were required on account of more work being handled directly by the sub-committees. Connection with other scientific organizations has been maintained through correspondence, exchange of publications and other means. The Club was represented at the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held in Montreal, by Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt.

During the year substantial progress has been made in securing new members, 43 being elected, compared with 14 last year. Against this 25 members have resigned or have been removed from the list by death, leaving a net gain of 18. The membership of the Club is now 329. Unfortunately, an unusually large number of members have not paid their dues, which has hampered the work of the Club considerably. At the close of the year there is a balance of \$36.25, with some accounts unpaid.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS AROUND OTTAWA.

The arrangements announced in Dr. Hewitt's lecture before the Club on February 10, 1914, (**OTTAWA NATURALIST**, March, 1914, pp. 161-171), for the distribution of nesting boxes in Rockcliffe Park and the Central Experimental Farm and Botanical Gardens, which areas were declared bird sanctuaries, were carried out in