

- May 29th—Carp (General Excursion).
June 5th—Chelsea (General Excursion).
June 12th—Beaver Meadow.
June 19th—Stittsville (General Excursion).

Some of these excursions were cancelled because of unfavorable weather; reports of those which were held appeared in the June and the July numbers of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, most of the reports having been prepared by Rev. C. G. Eifrig, Chairman of the Committee.

The programme for the fall months was:—

- September 18th—Mckay's Lake and outlet.
September 25th—Experimental Farm.
October 2nd—Blueberry Point.

The planning of an excursion programme is becoming more and more difficult from year to year. The rapid extension of the city and the development of suburban resorts are greatly restricting such valuable collecting grounds as Rockcliffe, Dow's Swamp, Blueberry Point and Britannia.

The Council, desiring to extend the sphere of the Club's work, proposed to establish branches in some of the centres near Ottawa, such as Carp and Stittsville. It was thought that valuable field work could be done by members of such branches, the results of which would appear in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. It was thought also that leaders from the parent Club might occasionally direct local excursions, and that a joint field day could be arranged for at least once a year. An attempt was made to establish such a branch at Carp. Two members of the Council, Mr. J. W. Gibson and the Secretary addressed a public meeting at Carp on May 28th, outlining the proposed plan. A local committee was then elected for the purpose of organizing a branch. On the following day the Club held an excursion to Carp, and gave a demonstration of its methods of field work. Although there was a large local attendance and much interest was manifested, no organization has followed this experiment. Under the circumstances the Council deemed it unwise to attempt similar work in other localities.

SOIREES COMMITTEE.

A comparison of the programmes for the season 1908-9 and 1909-10 shows the varied character of the addresses, lectures, and exhibition of specimens given under the auspices of the Club. The Club has now contributed three lectures to the joint course which has proved to be a success. During the season which expires to-night, six of the meetings were held in the