

that the waters of the straits off Nanaimo were covered for an extent of hundreds of acres with dead herring lying two or three feet thick. Reference is also made to the Biological Report from the Marine Scientific Station founded by the Dominion Government on the Atlantic Coast, and to the Marine Invertebrates of Eastern Canada by Dr. J. F. Whiteaves.

The Entomological Report draws attention to the continued investigation of the life-histories of many of our insects, especially at the Central Experimental Farm, where Dr. Fletcher and his assistants have bred various interesting species and where a fine series of inflated skins of larvæ has been prepared by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Young has also continued his excellent work in the same line. The report also mentioned some of the more interesting insects observed during the year, and the entomological papers which have been published in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST and elsewhere.

The Ornithological Branch reports that the usual notes and records have appeared in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, and that the active work has been about the same as in former years, though much of this has been done by ornithologists residing outside of the Ottawa district. In this connection mention is made of the excellent work done by Mr. W. E. Saunders. The dates of the arrival of 107 species of birds have been published and about 20 more dates of other species have come to hand but not yet published.

From reports received from various places in Canada and one place in Michigan, the ornithological editor of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST has been able to publish a comparative table of the first arrival of birds in different parts of the country.

The Club again desires to publicly express its thankfulness to Dr. J. A. MacCabe, Principal of the Normal School, for the free use of rooms in that building for our library and for Council meetings, and for the Assembly Hall for four evenings. Our thanks are also due the Young Men's Christian Association for the use of their Assembly Hall for four evenings; and to the daily newspapers for inserting free notices of our meetings.

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