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## THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 17TH, 1903.

The total membership of the Club is at present 262, of which 254 are ordinary members and eight corresponding.

Mr. W. T. Macoun represented the Club at the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada held in Toronto in May, and ead a report on the work done by the Club during the year.

## SOIRÉES.

Seven soirées were held during the winter, the lectures arranged for by the Soirée Committee covering a great variety of subjects. The programme was published on page 210 of The Ottawa Naturalist.

These lectures were delivered as arranged except the last two. Professor E. E. Prince being ill was not able to be present, and Mr. Andrew Halkett kindly undertook to explain the slides, so that the lecture was not postponed. The last part of the programme had to be dispensed with (Mar. 17th) as Dr. Ami was absent from the city. The lecturers were all residents of Ottawa except Professor D. P. Penhallow of McGill University, Montreal. The Council is pleased to be able to report that the whole course has been well attended by appreciative audiences.

## EXCURSIONS.

Sub-excursions on Saturday afternoons were arranged for April 12th, 19th and 26th and May 3rd, 10th and 31st. The first and third of these were not held on account of rain. On April 19th about 175 members and friends met at Aylmer and collected

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