

## OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the death, on 23rd ult., at Cap Rouge, near Quebec, of the Abbé Léon Provancher, F.R.S.C., a noted Canadian Naturalist, and one of the corresponding members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. For many years the Abbé had devoted almost his whole time to the study of the natural history of Canada (especially of the Province of Quebec) and to the publication of the results of his labours. In 1869 he began to issue the "Naturaliste Canadien," the last volume of which, No. XX, was completed in 1891. He also wrote a Flora of Canada, three volumes upon portions of the Insect fauna, a treatise upon the Univalve Molluscs, and several other works. Of the above the most important is the Faune Entomologique, in which are described many new species of insects captured at Ottawa. The types of many of these, and of the other species described by the Abbé, remain in his collection, and we sincerely hope that arrangements will be made by which this collection, which has a special value from that fact, may be deposited in some public institution and may not be either broken up and distributed, or even neglected until destroyed by insects. The Abbé Provancher was born at Becancour, Que., in 1820, and before residing at Cap Rouge was for some years Curé of Portneuf.

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## EXCURSION No. 1.—TO KIRK'S FERRY.

The first excursion of the season will be held on Saturday, June 4th, to Kirk's Ferry. The excursionists will leave the Union Depot by the Gatineau Valley Railway at 9.45 a.m., *punctually*, and will be back in Ottawa at 7.30 p.m. This will give the party from 10.45 in the morning until 6.30 in the evening for collecting in this beautiful locality. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of members of the Club and their friends. The Railway Company have promised ample accomodation, and tickets may be obtained at the railway station or previously of any member of the Council, at the following rates:—

Members, adults	. . . . .	50 cents.
“ children	. . . . .	25 “
Non-members, adults	. . . . .	60 “
“ children	. . . . .	30 “