

## REPORT TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

*(Read at the Third General Meeting, May, 1884.)*

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During the year that has elapsed since my last report, the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club has pursued its special work of developing the Natural History of this neighborhood, with all its former vigor and activity, and its prospects have never been more promising than at the present time. It has added forty new names to its roll ; it has become an incorporated society in accordance with the Ontario Statutes, and marked success has attended its efforts in every branch of Natural History. In the summer months much zeal was displayed in pursuing the field work, and the efforts of the Council have been specially directed to rendering this work as systematic as possible. Under the direction of the leaders, the various branches,—representing Geology, Mineralogy, Botany, Entomology, Conchology and Ornithology,—made numerous afternoon excursions, some of them being held fortnightly throughout the season. These were well attended by the working members, and those desirous of becoming acquainted with the study of the branch ; and in many instances they assumed the character of classes for the instruction of beginners. The regular excursions were held monthly, the attendance varying from twenty-five to sixty. The first excursion of this season has been arranged for Thursday next, that the Club may have the honour of entertaining the Fellows of this society on an outing among the ever attractive Laurentides, and to allow those who are interested in Natural History an opportunity of studying this neighbourhood.

Our soirées or winter meetings were seven in number, at which reports of the work done in the sections during the summer were presented, and papers read on subjects of local interest. The following is the programme :—

Dec. 6th, 1883.—Inaugural Address, by the President.

“ 20th, 1883.—Notes on the “*Flora Ottawænsis*,” with special reference to the introduced plants, by J. Fletcher.

Report of the Ornithological Section.